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VETERANS ADMINISTRATION
Washington.

January 19, 1933.

In reply refer to:
BA-J/EEL
John Cuppy-S.2590
Hardy Hill-W.C.16354

Mr. Eugene A. Riggs
1524 South Eighth Street,
Terre Haute, Indiana.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of January 10, 1933 in which you request the records of soldiers of the Revolutionary War of 1812 and Civil War.

A search of the records has been made in your behalf and no claims for pension found based upon service in the Revolutionary War of John Ingle, as described by you, or of John Shelburne, Silas Taft and Stephen Taft.

In order to identify the record of William Taft, Civil War Soldier, should it be on file, you should furnish as much as possible of the following data: the name of the organization in which he served, approximate date of death, residence at time he applied for pension and name of wife or widow.

The records of John Cuppy and Hardy Hill follow as found in the papers on file in the claims for pension based upon their respective services, John Cuppy, S.2590, and Hardy Hill, W.C.16354.

John Cuppy was born March 11, 1761, near Morristown, New Jersey. When he was an infant his father, whose name is not given, moved his family to Hampshire County, Virginia (Now West Virginia) and settled on Mill Creek, near Romley (probably meant for Romney).

While residing at the above named place, John Cuppy enlisted in 1777 or 1778, and served three or four weeks as a private under Lieutenant or Captain Isaac Means in the Virginia Troops, went out against the Tories and captured seven of them; he again enlisted in 1778, and served nearly four months in Captain Robert Cunningham's Company, Colonel Garrett Vanmetre's Virginia Regiment, went on General McIntosh's expedition against the Ohio Indians and assisted in building Forts McIntosh and Laurens; he volunteered subsequent to the Revolutionary War, in Washington, Pennsylvania, or in Brooke County , Virginia (West Virginia) served as a ranger and spy in the Indian warfare in Captain Samuel Brady's Company and was discharged by Colonel Beach about September 1, 1794, having served between three and four years.

After his service, John Cuppy continued to reside in Hampshire County, Virginia (West Virginia), until about 1801, then moved with his own family to Brooke County Virginia (West Virginia) on the Ohio River; he lived there until about 1826, when he moved to

Lawrenceburg, Dearborn County, Indiana, thence to Montgomery County Ohio.

On December 17, 1844, while residing in Montgomery County, Ohio, he applied for pension on account of his services in the War of the Revolution. His claim was not allowed as he did not render six months' military service as required by the pension law under which he applied. On October 25th, 1850, he applied for bounty land on account of his Indian War service. His claim was allowed. At that time, he was still residing in Montgomery County, Ohio.

John Cuppy died June 20th, 1861, in said Montgomery County.

The soldier married in 1778 or 1779, but the name of that wife is not stated. He married October 7th, 1834 in Montgomery County, Ohio, Lydia Russell.

In 1862, soldier's widow, Lydia, was aged eighty-five years and resided in Wayne Township, Montgomery County, Ohio, post-office Osborne, Green County, Ohio.

In 1861, Ann Moore made affidavit in Tippecanoe County, Indiana, that she was the daughter of the soldier, John Cuppy, and that she was about ten years old when her father went into the Indian War. She did not give the name of her mother.

The names of three children of John and Lydia Cuppy are shown; in 1862, their residences were:

Henry Cuppy, Wayne Township, Montgomery County, Ohio.
John Cuppy, Washington County, Nebraska.
Fletcher Cuppy, Washington, D.C.

107 Monterey Avenue,
Terre Haute, Indiana,
March 25, 1934.

Miss Helen Cuppy,
New Cumberland, West Va.

My dear Miss Cuppy:

Some time ago I wrote a letter addressed to the Librarian, New Cumberland Public Library, concerning data on the life of a Revolutionary Soldier, John Cuppy, who was an early settler near New Cumberland. The letter was referred to Miss Virginia Marshall of the New Cumberland High School who wrote me that she gave the same to you.

It was a pleasant surprise to find some one by the name of Cuppy living near or in New Cumberland. Before my marriage, my name was Cuppy. I am the daughter of John William Cuppy, now living; the granddaughter of Rev. William Thomas Cuppy, (1840-1903); the great-granddaughter of John Cuppy (1798-1868) who is buried at Shelburn, Indiana; and the great-great-granddaughter of Aaron Cuppy who married a Mrs. Ruth Bunch in 1797 and died in Kentucky.

The Cuppy name is so unusual that it seems quite probable that we are all descendants from the Cuppy Family which settled in Hampshire County, Virginia, after moving there from Morris County, New Jersey in 1762.

I have some additional data to that which I sent in my previous letter on the John Cuppy which died in Montgomery County, Ohio. The following data is copied from a letter received from the Veterans Administration, Washington, D.C.:

"The record of John Cuppy follows as found in the papers on file in the claims for pension based upon his service, John Cuppy - R.2590: John Cuppy was born March 11, 1761, near Morristown, New Jersey. When he was an infant, his father whose name is not given, moved with his family to Hampshire County, Virginia (now West Virginia) and settled on Mill Creek, near Romley (probably meant for Romney). While residing at the above named place, John Cuppy enlisted in 1777 or 1778, and served three or four weeks as a private under Lieut. or Capt. Isaac Means in the Virginia Troops, went out against the Tories and captured seven of them; he again enlisted in 1778, and served nearly four months in Capt. Robert Cunningham's Co., Col. Garrett Vanmetre's Virginia Regiment, went on General McIntosh's expedition against the Ohio Indians and assisted in building Forts McIntosh and Laurens; he volunteered subsequent to the Revolutionary War in Washington, Pennsylvania, or in Brooke County, Virginia (now W. Va.,) served as a ranger and spy in the Indian warfare in Captain Samuel Brady's Company and was discharged by Col. Beach about September 1, 1794, having served between three and four years. After his service, John Cuppy continued to

reside in Hampshire County, Virginia (West Va.) until about 1801, then moved with his own family to Brooke County, Virginia, (West Va.) on the Ohio River; he lived here until about 1824, when he moved to Lawrenceburg, Dearborn County, Indiana; thence to Montgomery County, Ohio. On December 17,1844, while residing in Montgomery County, Ohio, he applied for a pension on account of his services in the War of the Revolution. His claim was not allowed as he did not render six month's service as was required by the pension law under which he applied. On October 25th, 1850, he applied for bounty land on account of his Indian War service. His claim was allowed. At that time he was still residing in Montgomery County, Ohio. John Cuppy died June 20th, 1861, in said Montgomery County. The soldier married in 1778 or 1779, but the name of that wife is not stated. In 1882, soldier's widow, Lydia, was aged eighty-five years and resided in Wayne Township, Montgomery County, Ohio, post-office Osborne, Greene County, Ohio. In 1851, Ann Moore made affidavit in Tippecanoe County, Indiana, that she was the daughter of the soldier, John Cuppy, and that she was about ten years old when her father went into the Indian War. She did not give the name of her mother. The names of three children of John and Lydia Cuppy are shown: In 1882, their residences were:
Henry Cuppy, Wayne Township, Montgomery County, Ohio; John Cuppy, Washington County, Nebraska; Fletcher Cuppy, Washington, D. C."

The data in the above account sent by the Veterans Administration seems to conflict a bit with the data taken from the son Henry Cuppy's account published in the Montgomery County History which I sent in the previous letter. According to Henry Cuppy's account, John Cuppy had five children by his first wife (her name not given) and none by his second wife Lydia. From both reports, it would seem that the five children were: Elizabeth Cuppy who married Samuel Bartholomew and lived in Lawrenceburg, Indiana; Ann Cuppy who married a Mr. Moore and lived in Tippecanoe County, Indiana; and the Henry Cuppy; John Cuppy; and Fletcher Cuppy (the last three mentioned in the Government Letter).

This information would seem to indicate that my branch of the family is not directly descended from the John Cuppy who died in Montgomery County, Ohio, since the name Aaron does not appear in the list.

Some additional information on the Cuppy Family is to be found in the First U.S. Census taken in Virginia for Hampshire County. This census was taken twice, first in 1782 and again in 1784. In both, two families are listed, namely, that of John Cuppy and John Cuppy, Jr. It would seem that the John Cuppy of Montgomery County Ohio is the John Cuppy,Jr, in the Census Reports. This would indicate that the father of John Cuppy Jr was also John Cuppy and that my ancestor Aaron Cuppy was another son of the first John Cuppy. This Census data is to be found as follows in the First U.S. Census for Virginia:

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John Cuppy , (Hampshire County, Va.) in list taken by William Buffington in 1782, gives size of family as 7.
John Cuppy, Jr., (Hampshire County, Va.) in list taken by William Buffington in 1782, gives size of family as 4.

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John Cuppy, (Hampshire County, Va.) in list taken by Marquis Calmes in 1784, gives size of family as 5.
John Cuppy, Jr., (Hampshire County, Va.) in list taken by Marquis Calmes in 1784, gives size of family as 4.

The John Cuppy who came west must have been the John Cuppy, Jr., as he was married in 1778 or 1779 and by the time of the census of 1782 was only 21 years of age. A family of 4 would thus include himself, his wife and two children. As this man did not moove to Brooke County, Va., until about 1801, the data seems quite consistant.

The fact that the older John Cuppy's family was reduced in the two years from 7 to 5 would seem quite appropriate since his children would be old enough to marry and establish homes of their own. It would seem that my ancestor, Aaron, was one of those children of the first John Cuppy. Aaron Cuppy married the widow of James Bunch in 1797 and lived in Bardstown, Nelson County, Kentucky. I should like very much to obtain information on the parents and birth dates of both Aaron Cuppy and the wife, Ruth (Ruthy) Bunch, and the families of the two John Cuppys.

I am hoping that you may be as interested in tracing the early Cuppy history as am I and that we can be of help to one another in obtaining this interesting data.

Most cordially yours,

Virginia Cuppy Shriner

Mrs. Walter O. Shriner

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COURT CONVENES
FIRST TUESDAY IN
JANUARY, APRIL,
AUGUST & DECEMBER

March 28th, 1934.

Dr. Walter O. Shriner,
107 Monterey Avenue
Terra Haute, Indiana.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of February 28th was referred to me by Miss Marshall, Principal of New Cumberland High School. My Father's name was John A. Cuppy and my Grandfather's name was John A. Cuppy. I don't know whether the John Cuppy you mention is my Great Grandfather or a Great Uncle. However I work in the Court House in New Cumberland and I may be able to find something in the old records that would be of interest to you.

We are quite busy in the office right now and I may not be able to search the records for a few days, but I will just as soon as I find time. Hancock County was formed in 1848 and before that time the records were in Brooke County. It may be that I will have to go down there to get what you want. In the meantime if there is any particular record that you want me to look up, will you please advise me? Or are you interested in any history that I may be able to find?

Yours truly,

(Miss) Helen I. Cuppy
Miss Helen I. Cuppy
55 Second Avenue
New Cumberland, West Va.

New Cumberland, West Virginia
June 12th, 1934.

Mrs. Walter O. Shriner,
Terra Haute, Ind.

Dear Mrs. Shriner,

As a Genealogist I'm afraid I'm a complete failure. I seem to go around in circles and never get anywhere. I wrote to several folks in Steubenville concerning the Cuppy History in this section that I understood existed, but I was unable to find anyone, who knew anything about it.

On Saturday I expect to go to theCourt House in Steubenville, and hope I'll be able to find some of the descendents of Hallie Cuppy in the Birth records. I may be able to find just when she died too, which would be some help.

I dont know anything about the Will Cuppy you mention only I have read a few of his articles. I understand he is quite a hermit. No doubt he may be able to give you some information that would be very interesting.

I'm sorry that I haven't been able to find anything to tell you, but if I keep at it perhaps I will in time.

Sincerly Yours,

Helen I. Cuppy
Helen I. Cuppy

(The John Cuppy, who founded New Cumberland is my grandfather)

The town of New Cumberland was first laid out in lots(forty-two in number) in the fall of 1839 by John Cuppy, immediately above the mouth of Hardin's run and upon the bank of the Ohio River. It received the name of Vernon at first, but when the sale of lots took place Mr. Cuppy in deference to the wishes of the purchasers named it New Cumberland. The following spring Mr. John Chapman erected the first house, being the south end of the house in which Dr. Shanley now resides, and preparations were made for several buildings, which when up during the year 1841. Mr Isaac Flowers building, where the store of Mr. Shanley now stands, and the John Gamble building and a portion of the house in which Jackson Snowden lives. Lloyd Chapman erected the present house of Isaac Cullen and Hezekiah Flowers built the house in which he still lives. During the year 1842 quite a number of houses were added to the village, among them the house of Mr. Shauble built by John Chapman for John Cuppy, the proprieter of the place, and here in 1842 was delivered the first sermon ever preached in New Cumberland by a Rev. John Jackman, a New Light of Bible Christian as he called himself.

First Post Office was established in 1844

First School was erected in the year 1849.

First Church 1840.

About the year 1848 the eastern addition to the town waslaid out by Joseph L. Ball, Thomas Elder and John Gamble, and the same year about 100 were added, in what is known as Campbell's addition to New Cumberland, below Hardin's Run. In May 1850 John Cuppy added about fifty lots north of the town, and in September of that year John and Lloyd Campbell made another addition of 150 lots to the South, which in all gave ample room for a city of 5,000 inhabitants and until that number shall have founf here a home, the town will continue, as it has for years, a pleasant village, where each family has ample room for gardens and fruits.

Taken from the "Historyof the Panhandle" published in the year 1879.

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COURT CONVENES
FIRST TUESDAY IN
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April 18th, 1934.

Mrs Walter O. Shriner,
Terra Haute, Indiana.

My dear Mrs. Shriner,

I'm sorry to have been so long answering your letter, but seems I couldn't find time to go through the records until this week. I'm afraid there isn't anything in the Hancock County records that would be of much interest to you as I could only find my father and grandfather's names mentioned. I enclose a history of New Cumberland, which I got out of "A History of the Panhandle", which might interest you. As soon as I can I will go down to Brooke and Ohio Counties and try to find something in their records. They are the next Counties below Hancock and older Counties and perhaps their records would be more about the time we want.

My father has been dead for a number of years. He had two brothers and one sister and they are all dead. If some of them were living I could probably get some information that would be of interest to both of us. I have heard my father speak of Uncle Henry and Uncle Fletcher, so they must be the ones you speak of. I know one was in Washington, D.C. and the other one was out near Dayton, Ohio. I believe my father said they both lived to be over a hundred years old.

Hallie Cuppy
was wife of John Worrall Cuppy
who wrote The many diaries
W.O.S.

I learned from a cousin of mine that there used to be a Hallie Cuppy in Steubenville, Ohio, who had a history of all the Cuppys' in the Panhandle District. No doubt she is dead now, but if I can locate some of her descendants I may be able to get the historylong enough to make a copy. My cousin seemed to think it would be just what I wanted. It seems this womans husband compiled the history and was a number of years getting all the information, so it should contain some of the information we want. Her husband's name was John (But I'll never tell you which one). It seems there must have been a John Cuppy in every family.

Will write you again in a few days, if I can find any information that I think would interest you.

Most Sincerely Yours,

Helen Cuppy

107 Monterey Avenue,
Terre Haute, Indiana,
April 30, 1934.

Miss Helen Cuppy,
55 Second Avenue,
New Cumberland, W.Va.

My dear Miss Cuppy:

I have your letter of April 18th. I am delighted to learn that your father had an Uncle Fletcher and an Uncle Henry. Without question, that makes the John Cuppy with the Revolutionary War service buried just outside of Dayton your direct ancestor.

The possibility of some descendant in Steubenville having the history of all the Cuppys in the Panhandle District has me all excited. I am hoping that there is an Aaron in the lot. It seems quite probable since there are so few of the family anywhere.

Do you happen to know anything about the Will Cuppy who is connected with the New York Times and occasionally gives lectures over the country? This Will Cuppy came to Indianapolis several years ago to speak but I was unable to attend his lecture at that time. If you do not know of him, I shall write him in the hopes that he can throw some light on the missing links.

Most sincerely yours,

Mrs. Walter O. Shriner

107 Monterey Avenue,
Terre Haute, Indiana,
March 28, 1934.

Mrs. O. H. Burk,
620 Sudduth Road,
Normal, Illinois.

My dear Mrs. Burk:

Following the funeral services held at Franklin, Ind., several weeks ago, for Uncle Hazlitt Cuppy, my aunt Anna Smythe came with me to Terre Haute for a short visit.

We were discussing the history of the Cuppy Family and Anna gave me your address. I am collecting as much of the family data as I can and I am hoping that you might be willing to give me the information on your father's family. Anna stated that you, Minnie Kritz, and she were the only Cuppy girls among John and Mahala (Lloyd) Cuppy's grandchildren.

In order to make it more convenient in collecting this family data, I have prepared some mimeographed forms. I am enclosing several which calls for data in your immediate family.

I am the youngest child of John William and Martha (Wiley) Cuppy. My sister, Marjorie, married John M. Koch and they live at Manilla, Indiana. They have three daughters, Marjorie Elizabeth, Esther Hildegarde, and Rosemary. My oldest brother, Hazlitt Wiley Cuppy, married Alma Auer and they live in Bridgeport, Pa. They have two children living, Jeannette Dorothy, and Hazlitt Wiley, Jr. My youngest brother, Marion Thomas, is not married and lives with Hazlitt. I married Walter O. Shriner and we have three daughters; Zoe Marjorie, Martha Belle, and Sara Jane.

I presume you have heard that my mother died last December at Lomita, California, where father and she had been living for several years. Father still remains in California where he can enjoy the western climate.

Hoping that you can help me in supplying this family data, also that you may be able to suggest other members of the family which might give me data on other children of John and Mahala, and wishing you a very Happy Easter, I am

Most cordially yours,

Mrs. Virginia (Cuppy) Shriner

107 Monterey Avenue,
Terre Haute, Indiana,
April 8, 1934.

Miss Helen I. Cuppy,
55 Second Avenue,
New Cumberland, W. Va.

My dear Miss Cuppy:

I have your kind letter of March 28th and I wish to state that I am interested in any of the Cuppy history that you might be able to find.

Since there are so few people by the name of Cuppy, it seems quite possible that we are all descended from the same original immigrant to this country. Due to the fact that the family is not so very large, it makes it more difficult to find members which have any back records.

The name John Cuppy seems to be the outstanding name in the family. My father's name is John W. Cuppy and my Gr-Grandfather's name was John Cuppy. I also have angreat uncle by that name. I am inclined to think that perhaps your gr-gr-gr-grandfather and mine, Aaron Cuppy, were sons of the original John Cuppy. It would also seem likely that the John Cuppy buried in Montgomery County,Ohio, was also a son of the original John Cuppy.

My great grandfather, John Cuppy, who is buried at Shelburn, Indiana, was married twice and had fourteen children as follows: (This John Cuppy, b. May 25,1798; d. Apr.30,1868.)

Children by his first wife, Fanny Biddell?,
1. Ella Mina , b. Dec. 14, 1817
2. Hayden , b. Oct. 23, 1819
3. Eliza M. , b. Oct.11, 1828
4. John M. , b. Nov. 2, 1830

Children by his second wife, Mahala Lloyd,
5. Melissa Jane , b. Sept. 27, 1832
6. Lettia Margaret,b. June 27, 1834
7. Nancy Jane , b. Feb. 20, 1836
8. Jame S. , b. June 4, 1838
9. William Thomas, b. Mar. 10, 1840
10. Aaron , b. Mar. 19, 1842
11. Seth Emery , b. Apr. 28, 1844
12. Julia Ann , b. Nov. 30, 1846
13. Sarah Elizabeth,b. June 26, 1849
14. Luther Rice , b. Mar. 4. 1852

With that many children, it is possible that all the names of the uncles and aunts have been duplicated and that may help in lining up the data.

Most sincerely,

107 Monterey Avenue
April 30, 1934.

Miss Hattie M. Scott,
Genealogist,
402 Shelby Street,
Frankfort, Kentucky.

My dear Miss Scott:

I have your letter of April 27th. As I have not attempted to trace the early family histories prior to this year, I am sure that you could not have had a letter from me prior to this time. Perhaps some other member of the family has written for information. I wrote the State Library andFrankfort on April 3, 1934, as a sort of an experimental venture.

Since I have never made use of the services of a trained genaalogist in obtaining genealogical data, I have no idea as to what is considered by them as "reasonable charges" for this service. I have gotten interested in tracing the genealogy of the family recently and plan to make it a sort of avocation during my vacation periods.

However, I can readily see that considerable time could be saved if this work were placed in the hands of some one trained for it. Since you have stated that you could give me an estimate of the fee in advance, I shall outline my needs and give you what data I have on the various individuals under consideration.

I am submitting three separate sheets on John John, John Wiley, and Aaron Cuppy, respectively. Each of these three are in direct line, and the child of each in whom I most concerned is designated. For my own records, I am endeavoring to collect the data on the direct line with a complete list of the children for each direct ancestor. While I should like to have the birth, marriage, and death data for each brother and sister of a direct ancestor, I am not interested in going to much expense to get that additional information.

Do not hesitate to give me separate estimates on each individual sheet, if they vary greatly in price.

Most sincerely yours,

Walter O. Shriner

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JOHN JOHN

This John John was born in Wales in 1740. He married Barbara Evans, also a native of Wales, and they first settled in Welsh Neck, Chester County, Pennsylvania, where they are supposed to have resided during the Revolutionary War. According to the family tradition handed down, this John John was a very tall man (about seven feet) and was a miller by trade, enlisted in the Continental Army upon the outbreak of the war and in addition to his duties as a soldier, was made the personal miller of Washington and ran the grist mill at Valley Forge when the army was there. He was present at the surrender of Cornwallis at Yorktown and at the close of the was, he beturned to Chester County, Pennsylvania, where his family had remained. He later served in the Western Division against the Indians under Logan, and settled with his family near Maysville, Mason County, Kentucky, where he died.

Children of John John and Barbara (Evans) John:

(1) Hannah John, a daughter born at Welsh Neck, Chester County, Pa., in 1882; she accompanied her parents to Mason County, Kentucky; she married a widower with six daughters, George Brown, also a Revolutionary War soldier from Virginia who had received a lan d warrant from Virginia which he located on Cabin Creek about ten miles from Maysville. Hannah John married George Brown in 1802 in Mason County,Kentucky, and to them were born at least two sons in Kentucky before they moved to Clermont County, Ohio, in 1808. These two sons: William John Brown, born Aug.15,1805 near Washington, Mason County, Ky., and Ryland Thomas Brown, born Oct. 5, 1807 in Lewis County, Kentucky.

(2) John John, a son who married Marie Clarke, and lived in the neighborhood of Maysville, Mason County, Kentucky. This son, John John, had a daughter Margaret who married Thomas LeMonde. Thomas and Margaret (John) KeMonde had a daughter who became a member of the DAR. See Mrs Lillian LeMonde Slaughter, DAR No. 182, through descent from the original John John above. This Mrs. Lillian LeMonde was born in Maysville, Kentucky.

(3) There were probably other children of which we have no record.

It has generally been reported in the DAR applications that John John died in 1820. Evidently, he died after the daughter, Hannah(John) Brown and her family moved to Ohio in 1808.

I am interested in securing the complete birth, marriage, and death dates of John and Barbara (Evans) John, and the names and dates of their children. I am especially interested in the dates of their daughter, Hannah John, who married George Brown in the year 1802, and the death date of George Brown's first wife, Rebecca(Conrad) Brown who probably died in Mason County, Kentucky, shortly after the birth of her daughter, Anne, in 1800.

JOHN WILEY

This John Wiley was born November 10, 1760 in England and married Hester Porter, born in Ireland (?) on July 20, 1759. They settled in Londongrove Township, Chester County, Pennsylvania, where they remained during the Revolution and till after the First U.S. Census in 1790. This John Wiley served as a private in Capt. Allen Cunningham's Company in 1778. In 1780, he was serving as a lieutenant in Capt. Francis Williamson's Company, Lt-Col. John McDowell's Regiment, Fifth Battalion, Pennsylvania Militia. Later, they moved to Kentucky where John Wiley died March 4, 1797. His wife, Hester (Porter) Wiley died August 15, 1839.

Among the children of the above were:

(1) John Wiley who married Betsy Cox, presumably in Kentucky.

(2) Betsy Wiley, who married Joseph Looney, persumably in Ky.

(3) James Banks Wiley, born December 14, 1791 in Chester County, Pennsylvania; came with his parents to Kentucky; served in the War of 1812 while in Kentucky and was a great admirer of Andrew Jackson (Do not know whether he served under Jackson or not in War of 1812); married Martha Patsy Looney in Kentucky on June 27, 1816; moved to Rush County, Indiana, about 1826. This Martha Patsy Looney was born February 25, 1797.

(4) There were probably other children of whom we have no record.

I should like to know this Wiley family were located while in Kentucky. I am interested in the military record of James Banks Wiley during the War of 1812, and the complete complete list of his brothers and sisters with their dates and marriages. I would be interested to learn also where the mother, Hester (Porter) Wiley died.

I am also interested in tracing the parentage of Martha Patsy (Looney) Wiley. The Looney family were evidently settled in Kentucky near the Wiley family. The Joseph Looney who married Betsy Wiley, sister of James B. Wiley, was probably a brother of Martha Patsy Looney, the wife of James B. Wiley. This Martha Patsy Looney had at least two other brothers, John Looney and David Looney, who moved with them to Rush County, Indiana. There was also a Peter Looney living near them in Rush County - who may have been the father of this Looney family.

AARON CUPPY

This Aaron Cuppy presumably was born in Virginia, either in Hampshire County or Brooke County, and moved to Kentucky were he settled near Bardstown, Nelson County, and where he died. On July 27, 1797, he married Mrs. Ruth Bunch, the widow of James Bunch.

To Aaron and Ruth ( ) Bunch-Cuppy were born children, the eldest son being John Cuppy, born May 25, 1798.

This John Cuppy married twice: First, to Fanny Biddle(?) about 1816 to whom were born four children as follows: Ella Mina, born Dec. 14, 1817; Hayden, born Oct. 23, 1819; Eliza M., born Oct. 11, 1928; and John M., born Nov. 2, 1830; Second, to Mahala Lloyd and to them were born ten children of of which we have definite records for. This John Cuppy came to Shelburn, Sullivan County, and there he, his second wife, and many of Mahala's children are buried.

I am anxious to secure the dates of birth, death, and marriage lacking on Aaron, his wife Ruth and her madden name, their children and more data on the first marriage of the son, John.

I should also like to have more data on the parents of both Aaron Cuppy and the widow Ruth. We are very much inclined to believe that his parents lived in Hampshire County, Virginia, as the name is rather uncommon and two John Cuppys are shown to have lived there according to the First U.S. Census of 1888.

It is possible that the first wife of John Cuppy, son of Aaron, whose name was Fanny Biddle or Briddel, died in Kentucky, and that he married Mahala Lloyd before coming to Indiana. Mahala Lloyd was the daughter of James and Margaret (Bridges) Lloyd and these parents came with John and Mahala (Lloyd) Cuppy to Indiana with other members of the Lloyd family from Kentucky.

It is quite possible that they all lived in or near Bardstown before coming to Indiana.

Other Kentucky pioneer families in which I am interested are the Marts, Starks, Steeles, and McClellans. I have not as yet secured all the leads possible from immediate members of the family to enable me to submit at this time.

MISS HATTIE M. SCOTT
GENEALOGIST
402 SHELBY STREET
FRANKFORT, KENTUCKY

May 14th, 1934

Dear Mr. Shriner:-

I have done a lot of "scouting around" to locate your Johns, Wileys, and Cuppys.

From the very early days of Mason county I find a number of Wileys who were tax payers, and am ready to believe that John died in 1797 for his name disappeared from the tax lists at that time, but so did his widow, for she was not listed as having any land after that time; and yet I have a marriage that she gave cpnsent to after that period, of one of her children. I believe it was that of Betsy to Joseph Looney. Then, I have the marriage of James Wiley to Patsy(or Martha)Looney (No doubt you know Patsy is the nickname for Martha.)

I have supposedly every will and record of death without will in Mason county, but I see no record in my list of death of John Wiley. Sometimes they did not mention them in the will books but put them in the order books only, expecially when they died intestate.

I believe John Wiley had a number of bros. in Mason at same time, and some of them were later listed in an adjoining county as landowners. Then, there were two or three John Wileys listed as tax payers, John, Sr., and Jr., and still another. He may have been son of a brother.

I find three records of James Wiley as Soldier of War 1812 I believe two of them are the same, and no doubt your ancestor, as he enlisted in county not far away, and the largest town in Kentucky in that locality at that time.

Now, as to Martha Looney, I have consent of her father in her marriage, and will of her father, in another county. He did not name all of his children but said all were to be equal, and he did name James Wiley as extr., if he were still living.

I have date of the elder Looney's birth, and dates of birth of both wives, but he married his last wife late in life, and she was not mother of any of his children.

I know of no way to get the dates of births, etc. of the Wileys unless a Bible is found in the family, and I know of no way to find one. They have to be dug up by the family. The Looney dates were sent to me by a client.

I have marriage records of three John Wileys , or else three marriages of the same John Wiley, ~~unless~~ or perhaps two of same including that to Betsy Cox. I believe he married 1821 first.

I have the marriage of Hannah John to George Brown, but not 1802. I have marriage of Abel John to Marie Clarke, but his name may have been John Abel.

The courts did not keep records of women's deaths, as they were of so little importance in that day, so unless a member of the family could be located who has the record I know of no way of finding dates of George Brown's first wife.

I found marriage of Aaron Cuppy to Mrs. Ruthy Bunch, but nothing to prove who she was. I read every will I have abstracted in Nelson county, hoping to find some one mention her as a dau., but could not, nor did I find any mention of death of James Bunch, nor his marriage to Ruth. I found John Cuppy's marriage to Fanny Bridwell with consent of her father, but he evidently did not marry Mahala Lloyd in Kentucky, or rather in that county.

Aaron Cuppy died intestate and no mention of his heirs. I have only mention of sale bill of estate, and did not refer to the body of will book to get date, but perhaps about 1823. It would take a run-out of estate settlements or ~~wills~~ deeds in the county deeds to find his heirs proved.

I found the name of Cuppy in Hampshire Co. 1790 Census, but the library has no Hampshire Co. records here.

The Haydens were thick in the county with the Cuppys, and I tried to find a Hayden will to connect Ruth with them, but did not. In fact my will abstracts of the county run only to about 1822, and I hope to be able to add to them sometime. Nelson is most inaccessible from here, and expensive to get to, and do not get there often.

I would like to have the commission to go there and run out all the records of them. The deeds to Aaron Cuppy might show who her father was, for often the wife's father gave them lands, etc.

John John gave consent for his dau. Hannah to marry, but I copied only the mention of Elijah. John and David John as having died intestate and the first one 1813, and the last two I got no dates, or even pages but surely before 1820, as John is mentioned again in the next will book and Inv. dated Dec. ~~1851~~, 1815, and David's and Abel's in 1817. However, there could have been two John Johns.

It is not very satisfactory to do research in anything but the court records, for they are not often found anywhere else. I happen to have these records for I could not get them except at the court house. Very few families have been published, and so much that has been is not authentic and organizations, such as DAR do not accept them unless documentary proof is given as to page and book, such as deeds, wills and marriages. I have visited 60 of our counties and gotten some data from each of them, and a great deal from others. From some counties I have will abstracts as late as 1850, and some even later. I have obtained these at great expense of both time and money.

For an advance fee of $5.00 I will send you what I have of these three names, Johns, Cuppy, and Wiley, (and Looney, the 4th.) That is very cheap, for I have spent much more time than that looking them up, in my own records,

I am not familiar with the name of Mart, but that does not mean that I have not gone over it every day, but the Starks, Steeles, and McClellands are thick in Central Kentucky records. If you would give me a start and all you have I might be able to add to it.

Would be glad to hear from you further.

Hettie M. Scott

Since Hester Wiley gave consent to marriage of her dau. in 1815, it would rather prove John Wiley was dead, and I believe you said he died ~~-;8~~ 1797. I was thinking of John Johns when I started this sentence

MISS HATTIE M. SCOTT
GENEALOGIST
402 SHELBY STREET
FRANKFORT, KENTUCKY

May 18th, 1934

Dear Dr. Shriner:-

I am sending herewith my findings on the John, Cuppy, Looney and Wiley families of Mason, Lewis and Nelson counties. Most of this I have in my own files, but had I the opportunity to run these all out in the court records I am sure I could findmore worth while information.

Of course when I am in a court house and copying will abstracts I can't be complete, and my records serve more as an index to what may be found. For instance, Aaron Cuppy having left no will it would take time to run out deeds, estate settlements, etc. to find who his heirs were, and I could not take the time too do that for each individual unless commissioned to do so. The Nelson county records are among the oldest and most complete in the state, but it is so inconvenient to get there that I do not often have the chance to do so. When I have had commission to go and run out a family line have usually stayed a week and spent all my fee in getting additional data for future use. Often times wills are confusing and it takes a study of deeds to clear them up, especially when there are so many duplicate names in a large family.

There were no more Cuppy marriages among the men to 1851 in Nelson than the one or two I am including. Of course Aaron may have some daus. that marriaed in Nelson, but the women's names are not indexed and the marriage records of Nelson include perhaps 200 pages, and while I went thro perhaps fifty pages of them I gave it up as endless to try to get them all. If you knew whom the girls married could no doubt find them. Of course I know the one of the son to Fanny Bridwell is the most important to you. The manager of the Telephone office here is named Bridwell, and he came from Nelson county. Will ask him if he knows of any one who has any family data.

Now, about John Wiley- I do not see why I see no record of his death in my records, for the last time I was in Mason I went thro the early will books and got all names listed that died intestate, and picked up what I could of the families, but I do not have John Wiley's name. Thus, he evidently died intestate and no inventory made of his estate, and his land went automatically to his children and no record made of it. Sometimes, however, in that early days the division was shown in deed books, or order books only. It is possible that John Wiley moved into another county just before his death. Could I get at the deeds of Mason might be able to straighten that out. I don't know what became of Hester, for usually after a man's death his widow appeared as a tax payer, and I saw no sign of her in Mason tax lists.

You will also note that all the Wiley men married in Lewis county, but the fact that Betsy married Joseph Looney in Mason indicated they were still there; so, it is a puzzle.

William R. Looney said he thought Joseph Looney's wife's mother was a Carson. You say Porter. I failed to include the marriage of Eston Wiley (Esther?) May 1 1811, to John Carson in Lewis Co. marriages. Thks was copied by a poor worker, and must be Este

William R. Looney who sent me the Bible dates lived at 300 E. Kirkwood Sr., Fairfield, Iowa, in Feb.1933. You might get in touch with him and compare notes. He comes from Joseph Looney who married Eliz. Wiley. I sent him what I could find in Mason county of the Looneys, but had not then been to Lewis Co. I got the will in Lewis few weeks ago because I had been in correspondence with him in regard to it. He says the Wileys came from Ireland.

Unless there were more than one John John in Mason, it is quite evident that John John died prior to 1820. In all probability Elijah, David and Abel John were his sons. You see David married Rebecca Thomas who married again. No doubt all of this could be cleared up by search fully into the Mason records.

As the ANNALS of Southwest VIRGINIA by Summers has many mentions of Joseph, David, and Peter Looney, it looks very much as if they are of the same family. And, since David Looney of Lewis county had sons named Peter and Joseph, as well as David, I am inclined to think David's father was either Joseph or Peter.
Peter Looney was a private in Rev. War. see p. 1397, of reference
Peter " was Capt. of Preston's Rangers, Botetourt Co., p.1397.
Joseph Looney was Ensign at Kings Mt., (this is Robert) "
Joseph Looney was Capt. at Guilford C.Hse. "

John Wiley and Absalom Looney were mentioned in court orders of Botetourt Co., Apr. 9,1771. p.113.
Joseph Looney was appointed gdn. to Peter Looney, son of Peter Looney, deceased, Dec. 8, 1772. Botetourt Co. p. 169.
Joseph Looney and wife Jane, deeded land Aug.13,1771 p. 543.
Lilly Bowen, will, Apr.4,1780, Washington Co., Va. leaves her estate to her ch'n, one of whom was Jean Looney. p. 1345 Annals S.W.Va.
Robt. Looney, will A, 3. Botetourt Co., Va. proved Sept 14,1769, names wife Eliz., and son Joseph Looney all. gd. son ~~Josep~~ John Looney gets one shilling. p. 584.
Margaret Cain, formerly Margaret Looney, wife of Peter Looney, deceased, Jan. 22, 1768, Chalkley's Court Records of Augusta Co., Va. p. 359, Vol 1. (I am guessing this Peter Looney is father of your David, but only a wild guess.) The Chalkley records may give more. I grabbed this one item on the run, and do not recall howmuch is there relative to the Looneys.

If there is anything else I could do let me know. I would love to have commission of going to the court houses and getting this record complete.

Hope this contains enough information to be of some pleasure to you.

Yours very truly,

Hattie M. Scott

CHAPEL

Masonic Cemetery
Association

Las Vegas, New Mexico

Aug 2d 1934

Mr Walter O. Shriner
Terre Haute, Ind.

Dear Sir and Brother,

Your letter of inquiry at hand. The records of the Masonic Cemetery ass'n is very brief.

"Mrs Nan J. Walls" was buried April 14th 1903. in lot #1 20 Block 40 Sub Division C.

Lot purchased by George L. Guy.

A grand son of Mrs Nan J. Walls, Leon Guy by name, lives here whose address is 1213 6th St Las Vegas N mexico,

If further information are required write to Mr Leon W. Guy,

Fraternally A. J. Wertz
Sec & Treasurer,

107 Monterey Avenue,
Terre Haute, Indiana,
August 12, 1934.

Mr. Leon U. Guy,
1213 Cth Street,
Las Vegas, New Mexico.

Dear Cousin Leon,

Do you remember the cousin, Virginia Cuppy, whom you met at Waveland, Indiana, shortly after the World War? Perhaps you will recall that my two brothers, Hazlitt and Marion, were also visiting in Indiana at the time. My father and mother, John William and Martha (Wiley) Cuppy, moved to California in 1925 and my mother died there last Christmas Day. Hazlitt and Marion are still living in Pennsylvania. Hazlitt is married and has two children. I am married and we have three little girls. My husband is head of the department of mathematics here at the Indiana State Teachers College.

Since my return to Terre Haute where the Cuppy Family were closely gathered for so many years, I have been attempting to look up those who have remained. They have scattered so widely that it has seemed advisable to me to attempt to gather the early records in so far as possible before such is too late.

I have already secured considerable data and have visited many of the folks living in Shelburn, Waveland, and those in Middletown. I have also visited the Kirkhams out in Jasper County, Illinois. In the hope that you may be able to supply the missing information in your grandmother's branch of the Cuppy Family, I am enclosing a "dope sheet" which lists what I have. Minnie Kritz at Waveland told me that your grandmother was buried at Las Vegas. I wrote the Cemetery Officials there and they sent me the date of her burial only. However, they sent me your address which was much better.

I should like the full names of your grandmother's children, their dates and to whom they were married if you have such information. According to Minnie Kritz, your Grandfather Walls died down near Evansville but she didn't know whether it was in Indiana or Illinois. However, she stated that he was buried at Sullivan, Indiana.

If you could tell me anything about those of Great-Uncle James L. Cuppy's children who moved to Oklahoma many years ago, I would greatly appreciate the information. I am hoping that perhaps your grandmother may have kept some form of family record which might help in completing the early history of the Cuppy Family.

It was while in Waveland recently that I learned of your marriage. With best wishes for both your wife and yourself, I am

Most cordially,

Mrs. Walter O. Shriner

Indiana State Teachers College

Terre Haute, Indiana

Department of Mathematics

2525 North Ninth Street,
February 19, 1936.

County Board of Health &
Bureau of Vital Statistics,
Newton, Illinois.

Gentlemen:

I should like very much to obtain the exact date of the death of James Lloyd Cuppy who died at the home of relatives in North Muddy Township, Jasper County, Illinois, in late summer of 1921(?)

Respectfully requested,
Walter O. Shriner
Dr. Walter O. Shriner

Newton, Ill, Feby. 20, 1936

Dr. Walter O. Shriner
Terre Haute, Ind.

Dear Sir;-

Upon examination of the death records, I find that James L. Cuppy died on the 31st day of July 1916, in North Muddy Township, Jasper County, Illinois

Very Truly Yours
Hattie Powell
Clerk

COPY.

D. E. Cuppett
Attorney At Law
Thomas, W. Va.

March 4, 1936

Mrs. W. R. Felton,

Sioux City, Iowa.

Daar Mrs. Felton;

I have your most interesting letter of March 2nd, noting the information it contains about the Cuppet-Cuppy families.

I have checked what you say with some information I have at hand which I believe to be accurate, and am able to give you some information about the John Cuppy of whom you inquire.

The name Cuppett is the same as Cuppy. Our particular branch of the family originally spelled the name ''Cuppy'', and it was spelt in the original grant to John Cuppy, (1769) referred to in the article which Mr. King sent you. An old grain sack owned by one of our ancestors in Lancaster County, Pa. had his name worked on it in some kind of yarn as ''Adam Cuppy''. My great grandfather when he came to Virginia,(now W. Va.) spelled his name ''Cuppet'', and the second ''t'' making it Cuppett, was added about 1850 as nearly as the records show. There are still some old people living in Preston County, W. Va. where the settlement was made who pronounce the name as ''Cuppy''. The name is either of German or Dutch-Holland origin, there being reasons for believing it to be either. Great-Grandfather has a German Bible and apoke what was generally known as ''Pennsylvania Dutch''. The earliest records we have of the family trace them Lancaster and York Counties, Pa. and later to Bedford County. and from thence to Virginia,(now W, Va.), in Preston County where John Cuppy came in 1769. There is considerable reason to believe that when they emigrated they first settled in New Jersey, and to there we trace the John Cuppy of whom you inquire.

My record of this John Cuppy was obtained and can be found in Wisconsin Historical Publications, Draper Series, Vol. 4, pages 158-161, published by the Wisconsin Historical Society., Madison, Wis., -1916.

You will find on these pages under the head of ''Recollections of John Cuppy'', a very interesting account of the reminiscences of John Cuppy given to Dr. Lyman C. Draper in 1860 when John Cuppy was then 99 years of age. He died the next year, (1861) at the age of one hundred years. He is undoubtedly the John Cuppy you have in mind and the brother of your great-grandmother, Margaret Cuppy. This volume has in it his picture, the original of which is in the possession of the Wisconsin Historical Society. This picture bears a very strong resemblance to the Older Cuppetts whom I recall.

These Draper volumes should be found in a public library such as you doubtless have in Sioux City. I am sure you would this most interesting. In case you do not find this volume, briefly it says that John Cuppy was born March 11, 1761 in New Jersey; that when an infant his parents moved to the South Branch of the Potomac in Hampshire County, Va. (now W. Va.). John was drafted for military service. (he was then 17 years of age).

He married the next year, 1779, You say his wife was Malinda Wheeler of Baltimore. I did not know her maiden name until givenit by you. He took 'a tour of mility duty during the Loyalist Insurrection of 1781''. This was a Tory upriging in the South Branch Valley. The company in which he served was that of Capt. Van Meter, probably Capt. Joseph Van Metter there were two Capt. Van Meters.

This company was composed of about forty men. Abraham and Isaac Hite had cahrge of the commissary which included a dro ve of beeves and a quanity of flour carried on horseback. Gen McIntosh rendezvoused at the mouth of Beaver Creek where it cuts into the Ohio; there they built Ft. McIntosh, then marched into the Indian country and built Ft. Laurens on the banks of the Tuscarrawas which Cuppy helped to build. The main army had in it from 1500 to 2000 men; they apparently had no serious fighting and demobilized and Cuppy reach him home on Christmas eve, 1778, after enduring many hardships on the return march.

Later he joined up with Capt. Brady the famous fighter and engaged in the spy sevice and became noted rifleman and scout. He moved to a farm near Wellsburg, Va. (nowW. Va.) in Brooke County. He then moved to Ohio, 1818, (Jefferson County), and then to Montgomery County, according to Draper where he died in 1861.

This corresponds very closely to what you write me abou t him. He at one time had a ferry across the Ohio River, probably when he lived in Jefferson county; he may have moved to Ashland County as you state, 1819, and from there to Montgomery county in 1823.

You will observe he had a very colorful career as a soldier of the Revolution and was a most remarkable man. I know nothing about his parents in Hampshire County, but have been intending to search the early records there at the first opportunity and see what I can find out about them, if anything. Do you happen to know anything about his parents or those of your great-grandmother? I am quite sure we all come from the same common ancestors if we can just trace it back.

A great-uncle of mine, now dead, believed that this John Cuppy and my great-grandfather were first cousins, having heard him (great-grandfather) speak of a cousin who was in the Revolution.

I hope this information may be of some value to you and will be pleased to give you anything further I have or may find out, and would appreciate anything further you may have.

I note that your great-grandmother, Margaret Cuppy married Abraham Huffman who in 1815 migrated from Booke County, Va. (now W. Va.) to Ashland County,). This connects up the John Cuppy of Draper exactly, as he, John Cuppy settled at Wellsburg, Brooke County in 1778 according to Draper, and they must have lived near together and Abraham probably there met his future wife.

Where did you get the information that John Cuppy married Malinda Wheeler of Baltimore?

Ido not have any records of the Huffmans. There is a branch of the Feltons in W. Va. of English origin, some of whom I know.

I shall be glad to hear further from you. There are some of the Cuppets living in Iowa, a Mrs. J. L. Luers of Cresco who is a distant cousin and with whom I have had some correspondence.

Very truly yours,

D. E. CUPPETT REPORT
THOMAS, W. VIRGINIA

From Wisconsin Historical Publications, Draper Series, Vol. 4, published by Wisconsin State Historical Society, Madison, Wisconsin, 1916, pages 158-161 under caption,"Recollections of John Cuppy"

John Cuppy, of German parentage, was born March 11, 1761 in New Jersey. When an infant, his father moved to the South Branch of the Potomac in Hampshire County. Thence, John was drafted for McIntosh's expedition, his first military service. The next year, 1779, he married and took a tour of military duty during the Loyalist Insurrection of 1781. About the year 1788 he removed to a farm near Wellsburg, Virginia (now W. Va.) where he engaged in the spy service under Capt. Samuel Brady and became an expert rifleman and scout. In 1818 he removed to Ohio and in 1823, settled in Wayne Township, Montgomery County, Ohio. There Dr. Lyman C. Draper secured from him his reminiscences on August 2 & 3, 1860. He died the following year.

The story of John Cuppy begins with the draft of the Hampshire Militia in 1778 to join the McIntosh Indian expedition. They mobilized near Romney and started in September, 1778, under the command of Capt. Van Meter (sometimes spelled Van Metre) near Moorefield. This was probably Capt. Joseph Van Meter - there were two Captains Van Meter.

The company comprised about forty men. Abraham and Isaac Hite had charge of the commissary which included a drove of beeves and a quantity of flour carried on horseback. McIntosh rendezvoused at Ft. Pitt but the Van Meter company marched directly across the country to the mouth of Beaver Creek where it puts into the Ohio, and there joined the main army. The army had in it about 1500 to 2000 men all told, and Cuppy thinks they had some cannon. Here at the mouth of Beaver Creek and on the Indian side of the river, they built Ft. McIntosh, a stockade built on barren ground comprising about two acres. Cuppy describes the the fort and two blockhouses. From there they marched into the Indian country and built Ft. Laurens on the bank of the Tuscawaras in the Tuscawaras country, also a stockade fort in the open. Cuppy helped to build this fort of logs carried from some distance. He tells that the Indians were very friendly, often visited the fort and held Indian dances for the army. He remembered that Colonels Broadhead, Gibson, and Crawford were in the army. (Col. Crawford was afterward captured by the Indians in the Sandusky campaign and burned at the stake; he also surveyed Washington's Pennsylvania lands for him.)

Apparently, no battles were fought in this campaign and the army returned to Ft. McIntosh where the Virginia militia were discharged. The provisions had run very low and Cuppy tells of the beeves that had been butchered on the way out and their hides hung up on trees to dry and upon the return march the soldiers found them and crisped the hides and ate them to keep from starvation. He also tells of himself and three other soldiers securing a small bag of flour which kept them from starving. On the way back they found a man named John Bell who was famished and unable to go farther and that they shared the flour with him and saved his life. Cuppy came back home by way of Redstone, (now Brownsville, Pa.) finally reaching his home in Hampshire on Christmas eve, 1778.

The above seems to correspond pretty well with the account of Cuppy in the history of Montgomery County which you sent me. This volume of Draper contains a picture of John Cuppy which is quite interesting. It shows him to be an old man, but there are some noticeable points of family resemblance to the Cuppetts whom I recall as old men. The original of this picture is in the possession of the Wisconsin Historical Society at Madison, Wisconsin. If you have never seen it, you will find a copy in Vol. 4, of Draper.

D.E. CUPPETT.

COPY

P.O. Box 324
Dayton, Ohio. March 10, 1936

Dear Mr. Felton:

Your letter of inquiry in regard to John Cuppy was received Monday morning. I found a very nice piece about him in the History of Montogomery County, under Wayne Township - where his farm was, in Ohio. (at our Public Library) John Cuppy was evidently a distinguished man in this part of the country, in his day. To be so closely associated with old Capt. Samuel Brady, who was known as a wonderful Indian fighter and scout is itself adistinction.

I hope you and your wife will be pleased with what I am sending, Wvidently, the person who wrote the "Biography", must have known John Cuppy: and what is told of his family is probably all that person knew.

Very sincerely, Louise Kennedy.

Sioux City, Iowa, 2.11.1937

Post Master
Mt. Pleasant, Ohio.

Dear Sir:-

I am trying to trace the Cuppy line, and several trails of this family seem to cross at Mt. Pleasant.

The family of Cuppy's to which Margaret Cuppy belonged in the point of question. This Margaret Cuppy who was born in Va. in 1789 and who married Abraham Huffman in Brook County W. Va. in 1810 and who moved to Ashland County, Ohio in 1815. We have everything from 1815 to date.

From the Upper Ohio Valley History

"In 1792, Parran a Scout with his son-in-law Abraham Cuppy started on a scouting expedition on the Ohio side of the river from Fort Van Metre, Parron was shot by the Indians but Cuppy escaped. After the close of the war Abraham Cuppy settled on Big Short Creek." (is the creek near Mt. Pleasant). The name Parran or Perrin has been a family name in the Cuppy and Huffman families since that time makes it appear that this Abraham Cuppy is the father of the Margaret Cuppy in question.

From the Ashland County, Ohio, History.

"John Cuppy removed from Jefferson County, Ohio in August 1819. His wife remained a few days at the house of Abraham Huffman, until he was enabled to erect for his family a cabin upon the place he had then purchased in Clearcreek Township, Ashland County, Ohio."

From the Montgomery County, Chio, History

"Henry Cuppy married in 18~~7~~58 a Sarah Cuppy, a distant cousin, who was a daughter of Abraham and Susan (Perrin) Cuppy, who was born in Mt. Pleasant Jefferson County, Ohio."

A lady at Steubenville, Ohio has given me some notes taken fromthe Jefferson County History, relative to theCuppy boys, and also that an A. P. Cuppy was a county Commissioner for the years 1849 to 1852. " (is there any one of the name Cuppy still living in your section of the County?)

This record of the Cemetery at Mt. Pleasant shows the following members of the Cuppy Family.

Abram	Cuppy	Born	1733,	died in	1810
Susannah	"	"	1735,	"	1811
Perrin	"	"	1803	"	1867
Margary					1851
Ann			1802		1850
Mary Ann			1816		1885

From H. S. Knapp's History of Ashland County, (1865):

John Cuppy removed from Jefferson County, Ohio, in August, 1819. His wife remained a few days at the house of Abram Huffman, until he was enabled to erect a cabin upon the place he had then purchased, and upon which he has since resided, being the southeast quarter of section 15, Clear creek Township. His house was burned in the summer of 1822.

Abraham Huffman emigrated from Brook county, Virginia, to the east half of section 31, Clearcreek Township, with his wife and chidren, Zachariah, Susan, and Abraham (or Abram), in the spring of 1815. He entered his land at the United States Land Office. His second crop of maple sugar he sold at Wooster, for eighteen cents per pound, cash - a remarkably fortunate sale for those days.

Mr. Huffman improved his farm and contimued upon it until 1848, when he removed to Ashland, where he died on the 19th of October, 1860, at the age of seventy-five years.

Benjamin, John William, Mary Ann, Sarah Jane, Daniel, and Perrin C. were born in Clearcreek Township.

Benjamin Huffman, who has resided the last twenty years upon the farm adjoining the old homestead, is the only one of the sons now residing in the county

Daniel Huffman emigrated from Virginia in 1816, and purchased of his brother Jacob the farm now owned by William Smyth, and removed to it in 1819. This farm he improved and resided upon until the year 1837, when he sold it to John Musser, and purchased of Elias Ford the farm upon which he now resides. When he came to the country the family of Mr. Huffman consisted of his wife and two sons, Benjamin and Samuel.

From History of Ashland County, Ohio, by Dr. George W. Hill, M.D.(1880)

John Cuppy was born in the State of Virginia, 1797. In 1816 he made a visit to Ohio, but did not make a permanent settlement until the following fall, when he came to Ashland County, erected for himself a rude log cabin in the woods of Clearcreek Township. In 1817 he was married to Malinda Wheeler, of Baltimore, Md. They had seven children -- Susan, Eleanor, Mary A., Caroline, Edwin, Abraham, and Wesley. Abraham the only son living, has possession and resides upon the old homestead. October 2, 1860, he was married to Margaret Eaton by whom he had seven children. Mr Cuppy is a prominent citizen of Clear creek Township and a son of one of its pioneers. September 6, 1876, his father died at the age of seventy-nine years; and his mother died May 1, 1869, at the age of sixty-nine years.

Abraham Huffman was born in Brooke county, Virginia, November 19, 1785. In 1813 he enlisted with the Brooke County Soldiers to serve in the northwest part of Ohio; but before seeing active service the war closed. He entered the east half of section thirty one, in Clearcreek Township, Richland County, in the spring of 1815, and came on with a hand and erected a small open cabin, and returned about the middle of the summer, after having prepared a few acres of new ground for corn, and brought his family. His was among the first families who located in Clearcreek .... Mr. Huffman was a large energetic and thorough going man. His land contained a splendid sugar camp and the second year he made enough~~t~~ sugar to complete his payments on his farm. It sold at the trading points at 18 cents per pound, in cash. For three or four years his toil was constant, for when not engaged in leveling the forests on his own premises, his services were freely given to aid his neighbors in erecting cabins, rolling logs and the like .... Mr. Huffman in his prime possessed uncommon endurance. In a few years he had a model farm and was surrounded by all the comforts of the thrifty agriculturist. .... He removed to Ashland in 1848, and died October 19, 1860. Mrs. Huffman died in 1862, aged seventy-three years. The family consisted of Zacharia, Susan, Abraham, Benjamin, John , William, Mary Ann, Sarah Jane, Daniel, and Perrin. Zachariah, Abraham, John, William, and Sarah are Dead, and the Balance of the family are vey much scattered.

The name of Benjamin Cuppy appears frequently in the early history of Ashland County, Ohio. He settled there in 1812, near the Orange (now Nankin) Road where he erected a small cabin -- page 52 Hill's History of Ashland county -- name appears also on pages 59 and 66.

Ohio has no census records f or the year 1810. They begin in 1820 and there is none for Ashland co. until 1850 as it was not formed until 1846. It was set off from parts of Richland, Wayne, Huron, and Loraine counties.

no census.1. Cuppy -Mt. Pleasant twp., Jefferson co.,O. 1810
no Cuppy " " " " " " " 1820
" Smithfield " " " " 1820

page 414	under 10-	10to16	016to18-	16to26-	under45-	45&upward	
Abraham Cuppy	0	0	1	3	0	1	males
	0	0	-	1	0	1	females

not formed.2. Cuppy -Clear Creek Twp., Ashland Co.,O -1820

page 174A. Cuppy Clear Creek twp., Richland co., O. 1820

John Cuppy	1	0	0	0	1	0	males
	0	0	-	1	0	0	females

also 174 A.

Abraham Huffman	4	0	0	0	2	0	males
	1	0	-	0	1	1	females

page 213 Montogomery twp., Richland co., O. -1820

Cuppym Benjamin	4	1	0	2	1	0	males
	2	2	-	0	1	0	females

3. Abraham Huffman& wife, Ashland, Ashland co., O. 1850

page 874 Dist. No.1 (Ashland) Montgomery twp., Ashland co., O.
22 day of July, 1850.

		age	sex	occupation	realestate	where born
202-218	Abm. Huffman	64	m	farmer	5200	Va.
	Margaret "	62	f			"
	Susan "	35	f			"
	Daniel "	20	m	teacher		Oh.
	Perrin C."	18	m	student		"
		23	m			Pa.
	William Gribben			law student		

not clear Perin or pesin but find in Ashland co. marriages the following: "Baird, Christiana m. Pasen C. Hoffman Sept 21, 1851, A. Kleigh."

not found 4. Joshua Baird & family at Nankin, Ashland co., O. 1850
Josiah Baird & family ar Orange twp., Ashland co., o. 1850

Dist No. 1. Orange twp., Ashland co., O.
16 day of Oct., 1850.

107-110	Josiah Baird	44	m	farmer	2500	N.Y.
	Sarah "	43	f			Pa.
	Warren "	22	m	school teacher		Oh.
	Alfred "	21	m	carpenter		"
	Christiana"	18	f			"
	Abigail "	16	f			"
	Alexander"	7	m			"

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FELTON SEED CO.
307 Water Street
Sioux City
Iowa

2.12.1937

Post Mater
Mt. Pleasant, Ohio

Dear Sir:-

I realize that a Post Master is not supposed to be bothered withthe enclosed sheet, but if you will kindly pass on to some one whom you think could give some information I will appreciat it. (this is in case you do not wish to bother with it)

Very truly yours,
W. R. Felton

Dear Sir,

Mr. Tweedy is the only descendant of the Cuppy family in this section of the country. I gave him your letter, this is all he returned to me. With the request that when through, you return his papers to him. He said he did not have time to copy. I'm returning your dollar. I am glad to serve you in this way,

Very truly,
C.J. Mitchell, P.M.

Wilmer Tweedy, Mt. Pleasant Ohio

Cuppy Notes received from Postmaster at Mt. Pleasant, Ohio.

"From 1859 Diary of John Worrall Cuppy

John Cuppy(brother of my grandfather) was born near Morristown, New Jersey, on the 11th of March 1761.

His boyhood was spent near Romney, Va. Hampshire county, south branch of the Potomac.

The family consisted of four brothers Abraham, Daniel, Henry and John and two sisters, Betsy and Sally(Huffman).

Their father came from Germany their mother was born in New Jersey, her name was Margaret Parker,(1)

The above information I obtained from John Cuppy himself during a visit at his house near Osborn, Ohio, in Sept, 1859".

The above note mailed to me by Wilmer Tweedy, of Mt. Pleasant, Ohio', Mr. Tweedy being a gr, gr, grandson of John Cuppy the founder of the Cuppy family in America.

"John Cuppy born in Germany came to America (date unknown)"(1750) " married Margaret Parker(1) who was born in New Jersey,

Their children were,
Daniel
Henry
John b, March 11, 1761, d, June 28, 1861
Abram b. Dec. 12, 1763, d, Nov. 3, 1840
Betsy
Sally (Huffman)
John father of Henry Cuppy of Osborne, Ohio."

My record of the order of the children in the above family taken from the biography of John Cuppy which is furnished by the Wisconsin in Historical Society is as follows.

"John Cuppy who came to this country about 1750 married Margaret Devore,(1) a native of New Jersey, and settled near Morristown. Here Betsy, Sally, and John were born, the latter on March 11, 1761. about a year later the family moved to Mill Creek in Virginia where Abram, Daniel,(Elsie) and Henry were born. In 1779 John Jr., married his cousin, Elisabeth Devore,(2) a daughter of John Devore."

From Tweedy of Mt. Pleasant, Ohio.

"Abraham Cuppy, son of John Cuppy and Margaret(Parker) Cuppy born in Hampshire county Va. Dec 12, 1763. Married Susannah Perrin, born at Antietam, Md. Mar. 3, 1766

Their children

Elizabeth	b, June 15, 1787,	n, Charley Noble
Margaret	b, Sepp 26, 1789	m. Abraham Huffman
Sarah	b, May 10, 1791	m. Robert Elliott
Ann	b, July 4, 1793	m. James Walker McGrew.(seeletter:CAM)
John	b, Apr. 7, 1797	m. Malinda Wheeler
Mary	b, Apr. 7, 1797	m, John Ong
William	b, May 17, 1799	m. Maria Joseph
Abram	b. Feb26, 1802	m. Ann Worrall
Perrin	b, April 5, 1804	m. Margery Neel
Rachel	b, April 5, 1804	m. Joseph Meek

James McGrew was my great grandfather and was a direct descendent of Robert and Isabella McGrew who came from County Tyrone, Ireland in 1727, and settled in Pennsylvania, -- C. A. McGrew)"

"Abraham Cuppy eighth child of Abram and Susannah Perrin Cuppy, born in (Jefferson County, Ohio?) Feb 26, 1802, m. Nov, 9, 1824 to Ann Worrall, b. June 16, 1802, d, July 12, 1850.

Their children

Caroline, b, Aug. 24, 1825 m, Thomas Parkinson d, Aug 6, 1900
John Worral, b, Dec, 2, 1827, m. Harriett Atkinson, d, March1, 1891
Susannah b, Jan 30, 1830 d, Jan 10 1833
Mary Louisa b, Dec 24, 1833, m. Matther M. Waddle
Sarah Ann b, Mar. 13, 1836, m. Henry Cuppy, d, June 18, 1879
Wm. Hamilton b, Feb.11,1838, m.Mary Naylor, 2nd Jane Waddle,d.2-12
Margaret E. b, Sept 24, 1841, m. David Tweedy, d. Jan 15,1870 1913
Elthisa, b, Sept 9, 1846. m. Marion S. McGrew d. Sept 3, 1939

Abram Cuppy second marriage Mar. 16, 1852, to Mary Ann Townsend, Abram Cuppy died Oct 31, 1877. (no children)

(1) Wonder who is right, J.W.C. in his diary or Draper in his interview in 1860?

(2) Rachel Caxton given as name of wife of John Cuppy Jr., in Biography of Squire Henry Cuppy. (C.A.M.)

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CUPPY LINE IN AMERICA.

1. John Cuppy the founder of the family in America came from Prussia to New York in 1750. He served in the French and Indian was in Canada in 1754, after his return he married Elisabeth DeVore and settled near Morristown, New Jersey. He was a Stone Mason and Farmer, in 1762 he moved to Hampshire County, Virginia, (now West Va.) and settled on Mill Creek near Romney. He was a substantial farmer and Justice of the Peace. Many transfers of property to and from him appear on the records of Hampshire County, He died there at the age of 86 years.

Children.
Daniel b. New Jersey, 1757
Henry b. New Jersey 1759
John b. New Jersey, March 11, 1761, d. in Ohio 6-8-1861
Abram b. Virginia, Dec. 12, 1763, d. Nov.3, 1841
Mt. Pleasant, Ohio
Betsy b, Virginia
Sally, b. Virginia, m. Huffman

2. John Cuppy Jr, b, Morristown, New Jersey, March 11, 1761, while an infant his folks moved to Hampshire County, Virginia, 1762, he grew to manhood in Hampshire County, and in 1777 served with Captain Isaac Means Virginia troops, they went out against the Tories and captured seven of them, he married Elizabeth DeVore in 1778, in the same year he served four months in Captain Robert Cunninghams Company, Colonel Garrett Van Metres Virginia Regiment. Also served with General McIntoshes Expedition against the Ohio Indians and assisted in building Forts McIntosh and Laurens.

He enlisted again in 1781 a private in a volunteer Company under Captain Robert Means, before this company recieved orders to march the news of Lord Cornwallis surrender at Yorktown was confirmed and the Company disbanded.

In 1788 Mr. Cuppy migrated with his family to Ohio County, Va. he built a cabin on the banks of the Ohio near New Cumberland, the Government had erected a Fort at Wellsburg nearby where a small body of troops were kept to protect the hardy pioneers from the Indians which frequently crossed the Ohio River to rob and murder the settlers, in 1791 after an attack by the Indians he moved his family to Cox Blockhouse which was occupied by Samuel Brady and about thirty sharp shooters, after placing his family in this place of safety he entered the service as Scout with Brady and served until the fall of 1794. Shortly after his service as Scout he was made a Captain of the Virginia Militia August 17, 1796. His Company was active during the supression of the rebellion of the "Excise Laws" when quiet was restored he resigned from the army and returned to his family and log cabin on the banks of the Ohio where he lived the life of a farmer until 1821, his wife having died in 1820 he sold out and went to Lawrenceburg, Indiana to live with his youngest daughter, Mrs. Bartholemew, he remained there until 1823 when he moved to Wayne Township Montgomery County, Ohio, he married second Mrs. Lydia Russell, who was born in Greenbier, Va. Feb. 8, 1798, this lady's maiden name was Lydia Oilar, a cousin of Nancy Hanks, mother of Abraham Lincoln. Mr. Cuppy lived the balance of his life on the farm in Wayne Township, during the late years of his life he was often visited by the scouts who had served with him, he was the last survivor of thr party of Scouts who patrolled the banks of the Ohio River which terminated in 1794.

Mr Cuppy was given a section of land by the state of Virginia for his services as a Scout, he also in 1850 was given a quarter section of land for his service in the Revolutionary War, this land he selcted in Marion County Iowa. He was a Methodist, and in politics voted for all the presidents from George Washington to James C. Fremont. He died on June 8th 1861, Having lived one hundred years three months and seventeen days. He was buried at Osborne Montgomery County, Ohio. His grave stone being a tall shaft on one side is engraved a Flint Lock and Powder Horn. A Revolutionary War Marker has also been placed on his grave by the Sons of the American Revoultion.

Children
Benjamin, b. 1780
Anna 1782
Abraham 1785
Margaret b. January 15, 1788
Catherine
Susan
Elisabeth
2nd Marriage
Henry, b, July 4, 1825
Fletcher
John A. 3rd. b. May 17, 1832 d. April 8, 1888 Fontanlle, Neb.

3. Margaret Cuppy, b, Ohio County, Va. Jan., 15, 1788, m. Abraham Huffman, (b. Brooke Co. Va. Nov 19- 1785) in Brooke County, Ohio in 1810. They moved to Ashland County Ohio, Clear Creek Township, in 1815, Mr. Huffman entered his land in the U. S. Land Office. Abram Huffman d. at Ashland Ohio Oct., 19, 1860, Margaret d. at Ashland Ohio 1862.

Children
Zachariah
Susan
Abram
Benjamin
John
William
Mary Ann
Sarah Jane
Daniel
Perrin Cuppy

4. Perrin Cuppy Huffman, b, Clear Creek Township. Ashland County, Ohio m, Chastina Baird, Sept., 21, 1851. They moved to Waukon, Allamakee County, Iowa, where he bought a quarter section of land from the Gov't Land Office. He later in life had a photograph gallery at Waukon.

Children
Ardelle
Laton A.

5. Laton Alton Huffman, b, Iowa m, Eliza Ann Skinner, at Miles City, Montana, Mr. Huffman migrated to Miles City, Montana Territory, in 1876, knowing the photograph work he became Civilian Post Photographer for General Miles at Fort Keough, He continued in the picture business all his life and collected.

Children	
Elisabeth	m. W. R. Felton
Ruth	m. V. L. Scott

John Cuppy, son of Abraham Cuppy and Susannah (Perrin) Cuppy was born in Jefferson County, Ohio, April 7, 1797. He moved from Jefferson County, Ohio in August 1819, his wife staying at her cousins Mrs. Abraham Huffman until he was able to erect a cabin on his land the southeast quarter of Section 15, Clear Creek Township.

Children
Abraham, b, 1829
Two daughters

Abraham Cuppy, son of John Cuppy of Jefferson County, Ohio m, Margaret Eaton of Clear Creek Township, Ashland County, Ohio.

Children	
Elmer	whereabout unknown
John M.	" "
George	D. 1895
Howard	last known Calif. Saliva
Charles E.	Roue 4 Greenwich Ohio
Abraham	Route 3 Shiloh, Ohio
Frank	Route 6 Ashland, Ohio.

Abraham Cuppy, Son of John first above,

Children.	
Ralph	Mansfield Ohio, 181 Dawson Ave.
Fred	Shiloh
Earl	Shiloh

Frank Cuppy, Son of Abraham second above.

Children	
Harry	Toledo, Ohio
Pauline	Crestline, Ohio

FELTON SEED CO.
307 Water Street
SIOUX CITY IOWA

Sources of Information

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The Western Reserve Historical Society, Cleveland, Ohio
Jefferson County, Ohio, History
Mrs. Martha (Cuppy) Ruwe. Blair, Neb.
C. A. McGrew Pittsburg, Pa.

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ASHLAND COLLEGE
Ashland, Ohio

January 12,1937

Felton Seed Co.
307 Water Street
Sioux City, Iowa

Dear Sir:

I am very sorry that we have not been able to secure anything more definite but will give you what we have.
H. S. Knapp- History of the pioneer and modern times of Ashland county.

John Cuppy removed from Jefferson County, Ohio, in August 1819. His wife remained a few days at the house of Abram Huffman, until he was enabled to erect for his family a cabin upon the place he had then purchased, and upon which he has since resided, being southeast quarter of section 15, Clearcreek Township. His house was burned in the summer of 1822.

Abram Huffman (m Margaret Cuppy) emigrated from Brook County, Virginia, to the east half of section 31, Clearcreek township, with his wife and children, Zachariah, Susan, and Abram, in the spring of 1815. He entered his land at the United States Land Office. His second crop of maple sugar he sold at Wooster, for eighteen cents per pound, cash - a remarkably fortunate sale for those times.

Mr. Huffman improved his farm and continued upon it until 1848, when he removed to Ashland, where he died on the 19th of October, 1860, at the age of seventy-five years.

Benjamin Huffman, who has resided the last twenty years upon the farm adjoining the old homestead, is the only one of the sons now residing in the county.

Benjamin, John, William, Mary Ann, Sarah Jane, Daniel, and Perrin C. were born in Clearcreek Township.

Daniel Huffman emigrated from Virginia, in 1816, and purchased of his brother Jacob the farm now owned by William Smyth, and removed to it in 1819. This farm he improved and resided upon until the year of 1837, when he sold it to John Musser, and purchased of Elias Ford the farm upon which he now resides. When he came to the country, the family of Mr. Huffman consisted of his wife and two sons, Benjamin and Samuel.

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AUXTER MOTOR COMPANY
220 Park Ave. West
Mansfield, Ohio

Jan. 7, 1937

Mr. W. R. Felton,
307 Water Street,
Sioux City, Iowa.

Dear Mr. Felton:-

In reply to your letter of December 30, 1936 regarding the Cuppy line and of which you speak of in your letter, I am not very well up on my ancestors history and the dates, but have made in brief and outline on an other sheet of paper, which I am enclosing with this letter.

My great grandfather was an early settler of Clear Creek Township and my grandfather lived all his life with exception of about six years spent in California during the gold rush of 1849 to 1855. He died about 1898 and in my recolection it seems to me that he had two sisters.

Now you ask me to refer you to other Cuppy's who may give you information which you seek and if you will be kind enough to refer to the ones whom I have listed on the bottom of this letter. I will also talk to my father whomI have listed and you will know as I have starred his name and the only other one that would give you the past hisory will be listed as my Uncle.

Hoping that we can gether more of the information for you and that I may have the pleasure of hearing from you in the near future, I beg to remain.

Yours truly.

Ralph Abram Cuppy

181 Dawson Avenue,
Mansfield, Ohio.

Abarham F. Cuppy R. F. D. #3, Shiloh, Ohio ##
Chas. E. Cuppy R. F. D. #4, Greenwich, Ohio. uncle
Pauline (Cuppy) Hetrick, Cretline, Ohio.
Harry M. Cuppy c/o DeVilbis Corp., Toledo, Ohio.

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FELTON SEED CO.
307 Water Street
Sioux City, Iowa

1-5-1940

Post Master
Fontanelle, Neb.

Dear Sir:-

I am trying to trace the family line of "John A. Cuppy" the Nebraska Historical Society has mailed me some facts taken from the Fremont Paper of the wighteen eighties, and it seems he was a large land holder near Fontanelle.

Do you know or can you refer me to anyone in your section who would remember anything of the family? Whether he had any children or not or if any descendants till live near there.

I have been tracing this line for some time as Mrs. Felton's great grandmother was Margaret Cuppy. the history so far that I have uncovered is as follows, John Cuppy the Emigrant came to New York from Prussia in 1751. He settled in Morristown, New Jersey, married there in 1756, three of his children were born there, John Jr., born on March 11, 1761, the family moved that year to Hampshire County Virginia. John Jr., erved in the Revolutionary War, and from 1791 to 1794, served as a Scout along the Ohio River in what is now West Va., he married twice, and lived the last years of his life near Dayton, Ohio, where he died in 1861, being 100 years 3 months and 17 days old. His history is recorded in the Wisconsin Historical Society. It seems this John A. Cuppy was his youngest son of his last marriage as he bought from his father John Cuppy Jr., his land grant for his service in the Revolution, this in 1851 he selected his land in Marion County, Ia. which he sold in 1857.

It will be interesting to know if there are any descendants of John A Cuppy 3rd.

Any information you can sight me to will be appreciated there is usually some one in any community who is old enough to remember back to the Eighties.

Very truly yours,

W. R. Felton.

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JOHN A. CUPPY

One of the best known citizens of Washington county, where he had resided for about twenty years - Mr. John A. Cuppy - died at his residence, about two miles north of Fontenelle, on Sunday night at 11:30 o'clock, as we are informed by Mr. Wm. Rowe, who was with him at the time ofhis death. The funeral will take place on Tuesday at 10 o'clock.

Mr. Cuppy has been in rather feeble health for several years, but was able to attend to his extensive land and stock interests until the last few weeks.

He is the owner of several fine farms in Washington County, and was a man widely known and respected by all who knew him.

He leaves a wife and one child - a daughter.
Fremont Weekly Herald,
April 12, 1888

John A. Cuppy, deceased, was born in Osborn, Montgomery county, O., Mar.7, 1833, died near Fontenelle, Neb., Apr. 8, 1888. He was a son of John and Lydia Cuppy, well-to-do farmers. In his youth he attended the common schools of his native county during the winter months and worked on his father's farm during the summers. In 1855 he startedwest, and that year settled in Nebraska, and preempted a claim. He improved on his property and acquired other land until he became one of the most extensive landowners in eastern Nebraska. He also devoted himself to raising live stock, which business he carried on suceessfully. His land embraced a number of valuable sections, mostly in Washington County, and some in Burt, Douglas and Dodge counties. He took and active part in public affairs, and in his early manhood was a republican. Later he became a greenbacker, and on that ticket was elected into the Nebraska state senate in 1876. His success in life was due to his own efforts and good business judgment. He took delight in assisting the poor. He had large financial interests in Blair and other cities. Mr. Cuppy remained a bachelor until past middle age, then, on Dec. 24, 1871, he married Mary A., daughter of Jabez and Eliza (Brookman) Kimberlin, of Washington county, Neb. They had two children: Laura May, born May 27, 1873, who died in infancy, and Martha Maud, born Sept. 28, 1875, wife of Mr. Henry A. Ruwe of Fremont, Neb.

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Researdh by K. Tracy

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C. A. McGREW
73 McMUNN AVE.
CRAFTON, PA.

January 29, 1940

Mr. W. R. Felton
Sioux City, Iowa

Dear Sir:

I was pleased to receive your letter of 1/18, together with the documents which you sent to me. You say that Mrs. Felton's great great grandmother was Margaret Cuppy (b. 1-15- 1788) daughter of John Jr (b 1761). Maragaret Cuppy was therefore a cousin of my grandfather, Abram Perrin Cuppy, (b. 1802) who also had a sister Margaret (b 9-26-1789).

By, referring to your information from Wilruen Tweedy, you will see that I am doubly descended from the Cuppys, as my great grandfather, James Walker McGrew married Ann Cuppy (b. 7-4-1793) sister of my grandfather A. P. C.

My father, Marion Strong McGrew (b. 1852) son of Abraham C. McGrew (b 1816) (and Keren Strong McGrew) son of James Walker McGrew b. 1796 (and Ann Cuppy McGrew) and my mother, Elthisa Cuppy McGrew were therefore first cousins once removed. The same relationship existed between Henry Cuppy (b. 7-4-1825) son of John Jr., and his wife Sarsh Ann Cuppy (b. 1836)

I wonder if there is any clue there to the ancestor of Abraham Huffman, whom you say you have not been able totrace. Inter-marriage was not uncommon in those days in fact one historian states that John Cuppy Jr., married his cousin, Elizabeth Devore. In the list of John Cuppy Sr's, children are Betsy, Sally(Huffman), John Jr., etc. so perhaps the sone of "Sally" Cuppy Huffman, named Abraham for his uncle, may have married his cousin, Margaret Cuppy. What do you think of that for a theory, if you haven't discovered anything re. Huffman? Of course it wouldn't get you very far, if it were true, but it might be worth investigating, if that is possible now.

I have taken the liberty of making some pencil notes on the documents which you sent to me. I started to make a list of notes, but decided the simplest way would be to put the notes near their references, so have followed that scheme except in the case of Mrs. Sinclair's letter to you, and I have clipped a sheet of comments to it.

1/31/'40 -- Since writing the above I have spent several hours at the Carnwgie Library in Pittsburgh. There I saw "Kellogg's Frontier Advance", to which you referred, but learned nothing new concerning John Cuppy, Jr. his ancestors or his descendants. The picture of him, reproduced from a daguerreotype, is disappointing. I have a picture supposed to be of him(also one of his second wife) a very fine looking old gentleman, but I can't say as much for the one I saw yesterday.

Let me know if you hear from John A. Cuppy's daughter - Martha Rowe. She would be a first cousin of my first cousin, Emma Cuppy.

Very truly yours,
C. A. McGrew

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AVINGTON A. EDGINGTON, M. D.
City National Bank Building
Omaha, Nebraska

February 2, 1937

Mr. W. R. Felton
307 Water Street
Sioux City, Iowa.

Dear Mr. Felton:

Iam sending you a list of the members of the Cuppy family that I found in an old family Bible belonging to W. B. Cuppy, son of Adam Cuppy, I am sending you an exact copy of it it will give you some information.

Isaac and Adam Cuppy settled in Shelby County, Iowa after moving from Wapello County, Iowa. My mother was about ten years of age at the time. She was a daughter of Adam Cuppy. I have often heard my mother tell of the time when three Cuppy families lived in Wapello County, near Ottumwa, Iowa.

A cousin of mine, a daughter of Evelyn Cuppy, may be able to give you the information which you are seeking. Her address is Lillis Bartlett Reynolds, 340 West Laurel Street, Compton, California.

You might also write to Charles Cuppy, Harlan, Iowa, who is a son of Isaac Cuppy, and a fine man.

I could tell you many sayings about the Cuppy family ~~wh~~ that I have heard W. D. Cuppy relate when speaking of his ancestors. However, they might be of no value to you.

Write me again if you believe I can be of any service to you. I should be glad to have you come and see me if you are ever in Omaha.

Yours very sincerely.
A. A. Edgington

COPY

W. R. Felton
Sioux City, Iowa

Feb. 14, 1940

Dear Sir:

Received your letter in regard to my father's family line.

John A. Cuppy was born in Osborn, Ohio May 7, 1832. Died April 8, 1888 at his home near Fontanelle. He was buried at Telbasta, Neb. Washington County, he was a son of John and Lidia Cuppy, he came to Neb. in 1855 and devoted himself to farming and live stock feeding, was married to Mary A. Kinberlin Dec. 24, 1871. They had two daughter Laura May, born May 27, 1873. Died Dec. 7, 1873. Martha Maud born Sept. 28, 1875, She is the wife of Henry A. Ruwe, Blair Neb. John A. Cuppy was elected to the Neb. State Senate in the year of 1876.

Yours truly.

Martha M. Ruwe

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C. A. McGREW
73 McMUNN AVE.
CRAFTON, PA.

January 16, 1940

Mr. W. R. Felton
Sioux City, Iowa
Box 894

Dear Sir:

Your letter of 1-9-'40 to Wilmer Tweedy, Mt. Pleasant, Ohio, has been sent to me by his wife, Mrs. Alice Tweedy, with the request that I answer it for her, which I shall endeavorto do.

My cousin, Wilmer Tweedy died last May, 8th as the result of an accident, and I attended his funeral May 10 at Mt. Pleasant Wilmer's mother, Margaret Cuppy Tweedy, 1841-1870, and my mother Elthisa Cuppy McGrew, 1846 - 1939, were sisters, daughters of Abram Perrin Cuppy, 1802-1877, and his wife, Ann Worrall Cuppy, 1802-1850

I assume that you are also a Cuppy descendant and give the above to identify myself and my place in the line, to you. Now to answer your questions to the best of my ability, with what information I have at hand.

Abraham Cuppy, son of "John, the Emigrant"(as you designate him) and his wife, Margaret Parker, was born in Hampshire Co. (West) Virginia, Dec. 12, 1763, and died in Jefferson County, Ohio, Nov.3,1840. He married Susan Perrin of Antietam, Maryland (b. 3-3-1766, d. 9-8-1841) Both are buried in the Methodist (Highland) Cemetery at Mt. Pleasant, Ohio. So far as I know A Abraham Cuppy was a farmer after he settled on Short Creek, Jefferson Co. O., prior to 1800.

As for the Cuppys in Ashland Co., Ohio, I do not know anything about them, except that my uncle, John Worrall Cuppy (see later) in his diary under date of 6-22-1875, records that Uncle John Cuppy was living at or near Ashland at that time. I presume that was the John Cuppy born Apr. 7, 1797 (twin brother of Mary Cuppy who married John Ong, and older brother of my grandfather, Abram Perrin Cuppy.)

If the Ashland Co. History records two John Cuppys, born the same year (1797), as early settlers, I can't imagine who the other one would be. John Cuppy, Jr. (son of"John the Emigrant") was born at Morristwon, New Jersey, Mar. 11, 1761; had two sons, John, as you note, but his oldest son John laid out the town of New Cumberland, Hancock Co., (West) Virginia, in 1839, and remained there, so he couldn't have been the Ashland Co. settler (unless he was there only a few years) and John Jr's other son, John by his second wife was not born until 1830.

There were however, two tother sons, (besides John Jr. and Abraham) and two daughter in the family of "John the Emigrant", of whom I have no record, except their names, which were Henry, Daniel, Betsy, and Sally (Huffman). The other John may have been a son of Henry or Daniel(?).

The Henry Cuppy, whom you mention (b. 7-4-1825) married my mother's older sister, Sarah Ann Cuppy (b. 3-13-1836 -- d. 6-18- 1879) who was hisfirst cousin once removed. Their daughter Emma Cuppy now lives at Fayetteville, Ohio, and is a correspondent of mine. Henry Cuppy married a second time. He died Nov. 26, 1910. His father, the John Jr. (b 3-11-1761) and previously mentioned) lived to be a 100 years old, and died June 28, 1861.

HenryCuppy had two full brother, besides the half brother

John, previously mentioned (doubtless there were other sons and other daughter in that half of the family, also). His full brothers were Fletcher, who was a lawyer in Dayton, Ohio in the 1860's or 70's, and John (b. 1830) whom you designate as "John 3rd", tho as he had an elder half-brother John, perhaps John 3^{A} and John 3^{B} would be better. They certainly overworked that name. Anyway, that John went west and became wealthy, I have heard, which ties in with your information.

You ask about John Worrall Cuppy, b. Dec. 2, 1827; d. Mar. 17, 1891 married Harriet Atkinson (1838- 1915) in 1870. They had no children. John Worral Cuppy was my mother's oldest brother. He lived for a number of years in Earlville, Illinois, and served one year during the Civil War as a member of the 104th Ill. Vol. Infantry (Hospital Corps) He was honorably discharged in 1863 for disabilities.

Uncle John kept a careful, daily record for many years. At the death of his wife(my Aunt "Hal") in 1915, a number of his diaries came into my possesion, andit is from them, largely, that I have glened what facts I have in regard to the Cuppy family.

In your qotations from Histories of Jefferson Co., and Upper Ohio Valley, Perrin is no doubt the name, of which Paren, Parron, etc, are variations, for as before noted, Susan Perrin was the wife of Abraham Cuppy (1763-1840) who doubtless was the one who accompanied his brother-in-law (not father-in-law) the Perrin who was killed by Indians. That fact is well established, I believe, and it was my uncle John who has the bullet, not from his grandfathers body, but probably, from his great uncle's body. The John Cuppy, who was also a scout, could have been John Jr. (b. 1761) or perhaps a son of Henry or Daniel(?)

There is only one Cuppy listed in the Pittsburgh Cit Directory, or the Telephone book. (Crafton is a suburb of Pittsburgh) I contacted him recently and found him to be a great grandson of William Cuppy, b 5-17-1799, next older brother of my grandfather Abram Perrin Cuppy, and therefore my second-cousin-once -removed.

I had an interesting letter from Will Cuppy recently. Perhaps you have read some of his humorous articles. He states that his father was Tom Cuppy, son of Abraham Cuppy, b. 5-25-1810 in Clermon Co., Ohio; married Sarah Collins of Indiana in 1830, and died at Indianapolis Jan. 15, 1847. He was a pioneer and prominent citizen of Whitley County, Indiana. If you have any information, or records of this branch of the family, I would like to know about them. Will Cuppy know practically nothing more about them. He subscribes, however, to the legend, which youv'e doubtless heard, that the name Cuppy is anglicized from the French, Cuuppee or somesimilar name, and that it could not possibly be German, altho my uncle John Worrall Cuppy in his dairy for 1859 records an interview with John Cuppy Jr. (then 98 years old) in which the old gentlemen states that his father ("John the Emigrant") came from Germany.

What is your knowledge or opinion about that?

I hope the foregoing has answered your questions, and that I may hear from you.

Sincerely yours,
C. A. McGrew.

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C.A.McGREW
73 McMunn Ave.
Crafton, Pa.

Additions and Corrections to the Notes of Mrs. Mary D. Sinclair of Steubenville, Ohio, in letter of Nov. 4, 1936 to Mr.W.R. Felton.

Cuppys buried in Methodist Church-yard at Mount Pleasant, Ohio.

(1) Abraham Cuppy b. 12-12-1763 d. 11-3-1840
Susannah Perrin Cuppy (wife) b. 3-3-1766 d. 9-8-1841

(2) William Cuppy b. 5-17-1799 d. 4-20-1857 ✓
-------- Joseph (?) (wife) (buried at Smithfield)

(3) Abram Perrin Cuppy b. 2-26-1802 d. 10-31-1877
Ann Worrall Cuppy (wife) b. 6-16-1802 d. 7-12-1850

(4) John Worrall Cuppy b. 12-2-1827 d. 3-17-1891
Harriet Atkinson Cuppy (wife) b. 1838 d. 1915

(5) Margaret Cuppy Tweedy b. 9-24-1841 d. 1-15-1870
David Tweedy(husband) b. 1837 d. 1903

(6) Elthisa Cuppy McGrew b. 9-9-1846 d. 9-3-1939
Marion Strong McGrew(husband) b. 1852 d. 1912

(7) Perrin Cuppy b. 4-5-1804 d. 1867
Margery Neel (wife) b. 1816 d. 1851

Ann Townsend Cuppy (second wife of A. P. C.)
b. 1816 d. 1886

Buried in "Seceder" Cemetery, Mt. Pleasant, O. ---

(8) Elizabeth Cuppy Noble b. 6-15-1787 d. 2-10-1871
Charles Noble (husband)

Notes: for the above

(1) A. C. Second son(fourth child of John Cuppy, Sr. and Marggret Parker,+ his wife.

(2) Second Son and Seventh Child of Abraham and Susan Perrin Cuppy.

(3) Third Son and Eighth Child of A. C. And S. P. C.

(4) Oldest Son and Second Child of Abram P. And Ann Worrall Cuppy.

(5) Fifth Daughter and Seventh Child of A.P.C. AND A.W.C.

(6) Sixth Daughter, Eighth and Youngest child of A.P.C. and A.W.C.

(7) Fourth Son and Ninth Child of A.C. and S.P.C.

(8) Eldest Child of A.C. and S.P.C.

It is quite possible there are other daughter of A.C. and S.P.C. buried at Mt. Pleasant, but we have no records.

+Margaret Devore and Elizabeth Devore are also given as the name of the wife of John Cuppy, Sr., but John W. Cuppy in his Diary for 1859 quotes his great-uncle, John Cuppy, Jr., as saying that his mother's name was Margaret Parker.

C. A. McGrew

1-24-1940

COPY

Five Hundred and Twenty Three
North Fourth Street
Steubenville, Ohio

W. R. Felton
Sioux City, Iowa.

My dear Mr. Felton:

I have looked through our two Jefferson County Histories and fail to find any detailed history of the Cuppy Family. It is a well known legend that the "Cuppy Boys" were brave Indian fighters but nothing is said regarding their antecedents.

On page 118 of Doyle's Hist. of Jefferson County he says; "In avenging attack on his wife by Indians, Capt. Buskirk orgaized a party of thirty men including the Two Cuppy Boys one of these, Abraham was afterwards killed by Indians near Mt. Pleasant " Another record found in Caldwell's History, speaks of A. P. Cuppy as having been County Commissioner of Jefferson for the years of 1848- 1849 1849-50 and 52."

I find in my record of the Cemetery at Mt. Pleasant the names of the following members of the Cuppy family.

Abram	Cuppy,	Born	1733	died	1810.	+
Susannah	"	"	1735	"	1811	
Perrin	"	"	1803	"	1867	
Margary				"	1851	
Ann		"	1802	"	1850	
Mary Ann		"	1816	"	1885	

While I realize that the information I have given does not give you the Family history for which you are seeking, I hope the above data will help you to fill out your records as to burial place etc.

I hope you feel that you have received return for the one dollar enclosed in your letter as I have spent considerable time in searching for the items which I have given you.

Very sincerely

November 4,
1936

(Mrs) Mary D. Sinclair

(+ See notes by C. A. M., clipped to this sheet.)

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GENERAL LAND OFFICE
WASHINGTON

Dec. 29, 1939

Mr. W. R. Felton
307 Water Street,
Sioux City, Iowa.

My dear Mr. Felton:

Referring to your letter of Decmmber 21, the records show military bounty land warrant No. 7954 for 160 acres, act of 1850, was issued August 30, 1851 to John Cuppy, a private in Capt. Brady's Company, Pennsylvania Volunteers, Wayne's War.

On April 17, 1852, John Cuppy sold and assigned his right to locate the warrant on the public lands to John Cuppy, Jr., for value received. This assignment was acknowledged in Montgomery County, Ohio. On execution of such assignment, John Cuppy, Sr., patted with his right to obtain lands under the warrant. John Cuppy, Jr. through his attorney William L. Hamilton of Jefferson County, Iowa, located the warrant on the NW¼ Se. 23, T. 74 N., R. 21 W., Marion County, Iowa, which tract was patented to him December 1, 1852.

The County Recorder at Knoxville, Iowa, should be able to advise you what disposition John Cuppy, Jr. made of that tract. The records contain no other information regarding the soldier or the land.

Very truly yours,

W. S. Binley
Chief, Indian Lands Division.

John Cuppy, and that she was ten years old when her father went in the Indian Wat. The name of the husband of Ann Moore is not shown.

The following data in regard to the children of John Cuppy and his wife, Lydia, are shown in the claim--

Henry Cuppy in 1882 living in Wayne Township, Montgomery County, Ohio;
John Cuppy, in 1882 living in Washington County, Nebraska;
Fletcher Cuppy, in 1882 living in Washington, D. C.

If you desire information in regard to location of the bounty land referred to herein, it is suggp gested that you apply to the Commissioner of the General Land Office, Interior Department, this city, and cite the following data:

Warrant # 7954 -- 160 acres -- Act of 1850

Very truly yours

A.D. Hiller
Executive Assistant
to the Administrator

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HAMPSHIRE COUNTY VA. RECORDS

Nothing of record in Will books until 1800 at all,

Except the following Appraisement and Estate Account.

Will Book No. 7, page 323. Conrad Huffman-Appraisement made in 1828.

W. B. No. 9, page 248, Estate account of Conrad Huffman in 1929.

Deed Book 7, page 323. Deed from John Cuppy, Jr., and Elizabeth, + his wife, to Leonard Ludwick for 100 acres on Mill Creek, a branch of the South Branch. 1789.

Bk. 8, pg. 49. Same as above - part of which was not hereto fore conveyed.

Bk. 9, page 369. In 1794. Deed from John Cuppy and Margaret, ++ his wife to Joseph Myers. 350. acres.

Bk. 9, page 407. In 1794. John and Margaret Cuppy to Samuel Hague, on Mill Creek. 160 acres.

Bk. 1 pg. 318. In 1766. Lease from Benjamin Parker to John Cuppy for 227 acres, on Mill Creek drains.

Bk. 1 pg. 319. Release from Benjamin and Margaret Parker for above land.

B. 7 page 184. In 1787. 131 acres from John and Elizabeth Glaze to John Cuppy, Jr. Land on Mill Creek.

Bk. 8, page 505. Deed from Hon. James Mercer and John Lewis to John Cuppy.

Bk. 9, page 446. Deed from Samuel and Eleanor Hague for land on Mill Creek drains to John Cuppy.

Benjamin and Abraham Cuppy are not shown at all.

+ Seems to prove that John Jr.'s wife's name was not Rachel Caxton.

++ And that John Sr. married Margaret (Parker or Devore?)

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Crestline, Ohio
Feb. 26, 1937

Mr. W. R. Felton
Sioux City
Iowa.

Dear Mr. Felton:-
In going over your last two letters, I find some very helpful information. The fact that John Cuppy, Sr. who came from Prussia and John Jr., his son had children with the same names makes our task more difficult. However, I believe tha John Cuppy, born April 7, 1797, son of Abram Cuppy and Susannah Perrin, was my great-grandfather. The notes sent by Mr. Tweedy of Mt. Pleasant seem to correspond with the information in Hill's History of Ashland Co. Hill's History states that he came to Ohio in 1816. Knapp's history states that John Cuppy came to Clearcreek Twp. from Jefferson Co. in 1819. This may account for the discrepancy between Ralph Cuppy's information and mine. I can find out definitely from the Recorder's Office in Ashland Co. when the deed for the land was made out. I had thotthe deed we had was made out and signed by James Madison in 1816, but I may be mistaken. If our papers and records had not been burned I'm sure our work would not be so difficult. I have pictures of John Cuppy and his wife Melinda Wheeler, but there are no dates on them. I also have two little caps that were woen by a Susan Cuppy.

I thot that Mrs. Felton's great grandmother was the Margaret Cuppy, daughter of Abram Cuppy and Susannah Perrin, born Sept. 26, 1789 - but she could have been the daughter of John Cuppy Jr., and a sister of Benjamin.

There is a Mrs. Pearl Ekey, whose address is Ashland , Ohio, R. #6, who may be able to help you with the Huffman lines. Her maiden name was Huffman. I called on her brother, C. S. Huffman, an attorney in Ashland - but he knew nothing of their family history. He suggested I see his siter who is older. I hope tocall on her soon, but it may be some time befor I have the opportunity, so you may prefer to write directly to her.

I hope to have more information for you soon.

Sincerely yours,
Mrs. Pauline Hetrick

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Crestline, Ohio
March 1, 1940

W. R. FELTON
Sioux City
Iowa.

Dear Mr. Felton: -

I am sending a chart giving the information for which you asked. A few dates I was unable to secure. The John Cuppy son of Abraham Cuppy and Susannah Perrin was the twin brother of Mary as you mentioned. I have a picture of him and also one of Malinda Wheeler, his wife.

I appreciate very much all the information that you sent me. It has been a great help. I shall be glad to receive a copy of the Nebraska magazine when it is published. If you wish further information please let me know. If at any time you and Mrs. Felton should come to Ohio, we shall be glad to show you the old home of Margaret Huffman, Mrs. Felton's great-grand mother. The land at one time adjoined that of my great-grand father John Cuppy. Of course now there are several farms. The farm where I was born and where my sister-in-law lives with her children is the same land that was taken up by John Cuppy and has always been in the Cuppy name.

Thanking you again for the information that you have sent me,

I remain
Sincerely

Mrs. Earl Hetrick
(Margaret Pauline Cuppy)

Moved from Jefferson Co. Ohio
1817
to Clearcreek Twp. Ashland. O

John Cuffy
b. April 7, 1797 Virginia
d 1876 Clear creek Twp. Ashland Co. O.

Married
1817 to

Malinda Wheeler
b. Baltimore Md.
d. May 1, 1869
Ashland Co. Ohio.

Susan

Eleanor

Mary A.

Caroline

Edwin

Wesley

Abraham
b. 1829
d. 1898
Clearcreek Twp
Ashland
Ohio

Married Oct. 2, 1860

Margaret Eaton
b. 1831
d. 1913
Clear creek Twp.
Ashland Co. Ohio

Elmer

John

George
b. 1865
d. 1894
Clearcreek Twp
Ashland Co.
Ohio

Twins born
Clearcreek Twp
Ashland Co.
Ohio

Howard
b. July 30, 1868
Present address
Norphlet
Union Co. Ark.

Charles
b. July 30, 1868

over

Abraham F.
b. Oct 16, 1870
Clear Creek Twp. O.
Present address
Shiloh, Ohio
R. #3
(over)

Frank O.
b. Mch. 24, 1873
d. Jan 5, 1933
Clearcreek
Ashland Co.
Ohio

Charles

Married Oct 1, 1846
to
Jennie Warner
b. Oct 8, 1867

- Ralph H.
  b. July 16, 1843
  Richland Co.
  Present address
  Mansfield O.
- Fred C
  b. July 18, 1896
  Richland Co.
  married
  to
  Dora Harvey
  b. May 23, 1899
  Richland Co.
  - Richard W.
    b. Nov. 26, 1927
    Richland Co.
  - Shirley Ann
    b. Oct 17, 1937
    Richland Co.

Abraham

Married to
Delphine Wolford
b. Dec 21, 1871
Richland Co.

- Carl C
  Present address
  Shiloh Ohio
  R. #3.
  b. Nov. 2, 1904 Richland Co.
  married to
  Francis Kessel
  b. June 18, 1910
  - Lois Arleen
    b. Nov. 13, 1933
    Richland Co.
  - Howard Jene
    b. Sept. 12, 1938

Frank O.

Married July 13, 1899
to
Emma G. Robinson
b. May 3, 1865
Westminster, Md.
d. Dec 20, 1932
Clearcreek Twp.
Ashland Co, Ohio

- Harry Marshal
  b. April 16, 1901
  Clearcreek Twp
  Ashland Co. Ohio
  d. Jan 28, 1937
  married
  Aug 21, 1926 to
  Sarah J Mybre
  b. Mch. 20, 1405
  Minneapolis Minn.
  Present address
  Ashland Ohio R. #6
  - Patricia Ann
    b. Dec. 12, 1929
    Ashland Co. O.
  - James Philip
    b. Feb 4, 1931
    Ashland Co, Ohio.
- Margaret Pauline
  b. Oct. 11, 1902
  Clearcreek Twp
  Ashland Co. O.
  married
  June 20, 1930
  to
  Earl F. Hetrick
  b. Mch. 16, 1903
  Fremont, Ohio
  Present address
  Crestline, Ohio

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CLERKS OFFICE
COUNTY COURT OF HAMPSHIRE COUNTY
Romney, W. Va

February 12, 1937

Mr. W. R. Felton,
307 Water Street,
Sioux City, Iowa.

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing all the data that I could find concerning the persons that you inquired about in your letter of February 10th.

Our marriage records are not very complete, the earliest being a bond book dating from 1824 to 1828; then from that date we do not have any more marriage records until 1865.

There are Perrin families living now in Allegany County, Maryland, of which Cumberland, Maryland, is the county seat. This county is just across the Potomac River from Hampshire County, West Virginia, and it is possible that some of the people you are interested in may have lived there. It is not a Hampshire County name at all. Huffman families now live in Hardy County, West Virginia; Moorefield id county seat. However, Hardy County was at one time part of Hampshire County, and their records may not go back far enough to be valuable, but might lead to something of interest.

If you write about any of the deeds, etc., please give book and page number, as I do not keep copies. If there are any other members of the families you wish to have looked about, our early index to deeds is indexed using first names alphabetically, as well as the last names. So it is very hard to trace anything unless one has some idea as to the first name.

Thanking you, I am

Very truly yours,

(Miss) PAULINE SNYDER
Deputy Clerk

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Adress only the Commissioner of the General Land Office
UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GENERAL LAND OFFICE
Washington

Nov. 18, 1939

In Reply Please refer to
1795032 "K"

Information

Mr. W. R. Felton,
307 Water Street,
Souix City, Iowa.

My dear Mr. Felton:

Reference is made to your letter of November 6. The records show that on October 18,1847 Adam Cuppy purchased the SW 1/4 NW 1/4 Sec. 6, T 71 N., R 13 w, 5th P.M., Iowa. containing 40.02 acres, by cash entry at the rate of $1.25 per acre in the District Land Office at Fairfield, Iowa, final certificate No. 15447. This tract was patented to him on July 1, 1848.

On June 27, 1846, Benjamin Cuppy purchased the E 1/2 SE 1/4 Sec. 1, T 71 N., R 14 W., 5th P.M., Iowa containing 80 acres, by cash entry at the rate of $1.25 per acre in the District Land Office at Fairfield, Iowa, final certificate No. 13376. This tract was patented to him in 1847.

The records further show that on November 28, 1848, Adam Cuppy purchased the W 1/2 NE 1/4 sec. 36, T 72 N., R. 14 W, containing 80 acres by cash entry at the rate of $1.25 per acre in the District Land Office at Fairfield, Iowa, final certificate No. 16879. This tract was patented to him on March 1, 1850.

On February 26, 1845, Adam Cuppy purchased the E 1/2 NE 1/4 sec. 36, T 72 N, R 14W, lot 2 sec. 31, T 72 N, R 13 W., 5th P.M., Iowa containing 135.35 acres, by cash entry for $1.25 per acre, in the District Land Office at Fairfield, final certificate No. 11269. This tract was patented to him on June 1, 1848.

In the absence of the number of the military bounty land warrant, the date of the act under which it was issued and the acreage called for by the warrant, this office is unable to identify a warrant in the Revolutionary War.

The Administrator of Veterans' Affairs, this city, who has a more complete record of the soldiers of the Revolutionary War may be able to advise you whether or not Adam Cuppy received a warrant for service in that war, if informed of the name of the State from which he enlisted and the name of the organization in which he enlisted.

Very truly yours,
W. S. BINLEY
Chief, Indian Lands Division

These Cuppy families moved west
to Shelby Co., Iowa, where members
of these families still live.
W. R. Felton.

COPY OF MRS. HETRICK LETTER

Mr. W. R. Felton,
Sioux City, Iowa.

Crestline, Ohio,
February 9, 1937.

Dear Mr. Felton:

I am sure you understand my delay in answering your letters since you have learned of my brother's death from Miss Bailey of Washington. He had been sick less than a week with pneumonia and his death came as a great shock to us. I appreciate very much your kind expression of sympathy.

I had just begun to trace our Cuppy lineage when I received your first letter and was waiting until I could find some definite information for you before answering. I was called to Toledo by Harry's illness and since have not had time to do any research work.

I shall send you what information I have at present and shall try to obtain more in the near future.

I believe this Benjamin Cuppy was a brother of John and Margaret and that they came from Virginia to Jefferson Co., Ohio, and from there to Ashland County. Have you been able to establish any definite connection between John C. Cuppy, the Government Scout, and John Cuppy, my great grandfather?

I have been trying to find record of the Baird family in Ashland County but have not as yet been successful. There is a Mrs. Belle Huffman living who may be able to help us. I have to locate her granddaughter before I can get her address, but I shall let you know just as soon as I can. I shall also try to locate the church records at Savannah.

My time is taken up just at present, for my brother's widow is moving back to Savannah with her children and my husband and I are trying to devote all our spare time to her.

John Cuppy, my great grandfather, was born in the State of Virginia in 1797. He came to Ohio and settled in Clear Creek Township, Ashland County, in 1816. We had the original deed signed by James Madison showing this date to be correct. In 1817, he was married to Malinda Wheeler of Baltimore, Md. They had seven children: (1) Susan, (2) Eleanor, (3) Mary A., (4) Caroline, (5) Edwin, (6) Abraham, and (7) Wesley. Abraham was my grandfather. He married Margaret Eaton. They had seven sons: (7) my father, Frank O., was the youngest; Ralph A. Cuppy's father, Abraham, was a brother. I have also decided that John Cuppy and Margaret Cuppy (Abraham Huffman's wife) were brother and sister. The History of Ashland County mentions that John stayed with Huffmans until he was settled on his own place. The old Huffman homestead is not far from my home, which is the original place taken up by John Cuppy.

It may interest you to know that the land taken by John Cuppy has never been out of the Cuppy name. My brother took over the farm at my father's death four years ago. The original cabin built by John Cuppy was destroyed by the Indians. The home in which my brother and I were born was the same one in which my father and grandfather were born. Two years ago, this home was destroyed by fire and all our family records and deeds were lost. We had a cane, until the fire, which belonged to a Perrin Cuppy, who was also a brother of John and Margaret Cuppy.

Since so many of our old records were lost, I decided to collect as much material as possible in order to preserve it for my brother's children. The information you have sent has been a great help, and I hope, I may soon find some that will help you.

Most sincerely,

MRS PAULINE CUPPY HETRICK

QUOTATIONS (CUPPY NOTES)
taken from
"History of Ashland County, Ohio" published 1862 by H.S.Knapp."

"Few of the first settlers of Clear Creek Twp are now alive. Few of them did more toward improving the country than Abraham Huffman. He was a man of great industry and energy - always ready to administer to the wants of the needy. His uncomprising hostility to what he considered wrong, sometimes caused him trouble that many others could have avoided.

"Abraham Huffman emigrated from Brooke County, Virginia, to the east half, section 31, Clear Creek Twp., with his wife (Margaret Cuppy) and children: Zachariah, Susan, and Abraham, in the spring of 1815. He entered his land at the United States Land Office. His second crop of maple sugar he sold at Wooster for eighteen cents per pound, cash - a remarkable sale for those times.

"Mr Huffman improved his farm and continued upon it until 1848 when he removed to Ashland where he died on the 19th of Oct., 1860 at the age of seventy-five years.

"Benjamin, John, William, Mary Anne, Sarah Jane, Daniel, and Perrin Cuppy were born in Clear Creek Township. Benjamin Huffman, who has resided the past twenty years upon the farm adjoining the old homestead, is the only one of the sons now residing in the county.

"Among the list of volunteers who enlisted prior to July 2, 1862, appears the name of James A. Huffman from Clear Creek Twp."

COPY

Thomas, W. Va. February 19, 1937.

W. R. Felton,

Sioux City, Ia.

Dear Mr. Felton:

I received and read with much interest your recent letters and the information they contained. I also received the book you sent me written by Edw. T. King. I had a copy of this book and will return yours shortly. I was in Florida when your first two letters cane and neglected to answer them until now.

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D. E. Cuppett

Attorney at Law
Thomas, W. Va.

March 4, 1936

Mrs. W. R. Felton,

Sioux City, Iowa.

Dear Mrs. Felton;

I have your most interesting letter of March 2nd, noting the information it contains about the Cuppet—Cuppy families.

I have checked what you say with some information I have at hand which I believe to be accurate, and am able to give you some information about the John Cuppy of whom you inquire.

The name Cuppett is the same as Cuppy. Our particular branch of the family originally spelled the name ''Cuppy''; and it was spelt in the original grant to John Cuppy, (1769) referred to in the article which Mr. King sent you. An old grain sack owned by one of our ancestors in Lancaster County, Pa. had his name worked on it in some kind of yarn as ''Adam Cuppy''. My great grandfather when he came to Virginia,(now W. Va.) spelled his name ''Cuppet'', and the second ''t'' making it Cuppett, was added about 1850 as nearly as the records show. There are still some old people living in Preston County, W. Va. where the settlement was made who pronounce the name as ''Cuppy''. The name is either of German or Dutch—Holland origin, there being reasons for believing it to be either. Great—Grandfather has a German Bible and spoke what was generally known as ''Pennsylvania Dutch''. The earliest records we have of the family trace them Lancaster and York Counties, Pa. and later to Bedford County. and from thence to Virginia,(now W, Va.), in Preston County where John Cuppy came in 1769. There is considerable reason to believe that when they emigrated they first settled in New Jersey, and to there we trace the John Cuppy of whom you inquire.

My record of this John Cuppy was obtained and can be found in Wisconsin Historical Publications, Draper Series, Vol. 4, pages 158—161, published by the Wisconsin Historical Society., Madison, Wis., —1916.

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Mr. E. B. Iams, Archivist,
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Dear Mr. Iams:

I have your letter of March 29th and I was delighted to learn that there was an association so well equipped to do genealogical research in the Upper Ohio Valley.

In regard to the McCombs Family line through which I descend, I wish to wait a few weeks until I get word from Franklin County, Ohio, where relatives of my Emanuel McCombs may have settled. In the estate settlement of Emanual McCombs in Carroll County, Indiana, in 1829, there is a record of a note due back in Fairfield County, Ohio, where he had formerly lived. I searched the records in Fairfield County, Ohio, last summer but found no wills or estate settlements of McComb or McCombs there. However, I found deed records for William McComb, Robert C. McComb, John McCombs, and Jonathan McComb, in Fairfield County. I have since learned that several of these men died in Franklin County (Franklin adjoins Fairfield) and this may give me a clue as to my Manuel McCombs parentage which would be of great help in tracing the family back in Washington County, Pa. My branch of the family has always used the final (s) on the name but I noticed that the spelling was varied in the same legal document back in Ohio. I shall let you know immediately when I get this data and am ready to have this McCombs Research done.

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It is the Aaron Cuppy line that am interested in and hope that the Upper Ohio Valley Records will reveal that his parents, John Cuppy, Sr., and wife Margaret, died there and left a will or estate settlement naming all their children.

Aaron Cuppy married Ruth(y), widow of James Bunch, in Nelson County, Ky., on July 29, 1797. We do not know her maiden name before her marriage to James Bunch. James Bunch did not die in Kentucky and it is thought that he may have been near the Cuppy family in the Upper Ohio District.

It is a part of the family story, that after Aaron Cuppy's death in 1822 that his widow sent her son, William Cuppy back to school or college in Western Pennsylvania. If this be true, it would probably have been near the old settlement.

A Miss Helen Cuppy, who works in the Hancock County Clerk's Office, seems unable to unravel the story but she admits that she doesn't know the "research ropes". She states that she has heard of a Mrs Hallie Cuppy (Mrs. John Cuppy IIII?) of Steubenville, Ohio, who was reported to have had a history of all the Cuppys in the Panhandle District but that that lady could not be located.

Can you give me a figure as to the charge for attempting to locate the estate settlement of John Cuppy Sr or proof that he settled there and a check on Ruth, widow of James Bunch and wife of Aaron Cuppy?

Sincerely yours,
Walter O. Shriner
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2525 North Ninth Street,
Terre Haute, Indiana,
April 1, 1937.

Mr. E. B. Iams, Archivist,
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Mr E.B. Iams:

With the receipt of your second letter containing the statement of your having definite data on John Cuppy Sr (Cuppey) in the neighborhood of New Cumberland, graveyard and church records, etc., I have decided to have you make a complete search for data on both the McCombs and Cuppy lines.

According to my interpretation of your terms as contained in both letters (Mar.29th and Apr. 2nd) the amount would be:

Abstracts of all McCombs estates prior to 1825.........	$10
Additional search of Deeds, Common Pleas, and Tax Records - to possibly connect Manuel McCombs with a Washington County line...........................	$ 5
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In compiling the history of my family and its various branches, I have been attempting to get xaxx the complete history of each direct ancestor (his wife and their children and whom each child married - with dates whenever possible).

As you well know, this is no easy task when one get back as far as 1800. Any cemetery records with birth and death dates, marriage dates and names of wives, of brothers and sisters of my direct ancestors which you should happen to find would be appreciated. Any internal family court troubles over property do not concern me except in that you might think they were a factor in emigration to another locality.

As per request, I am making a brief of what I wish to know about each family (McCombs and Cuppy) on separate sheets for your guidance.

~~I am enclosing my check in amount of $26.80 for~~

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McCombs (McComb) Brief

Manuel McCombs (Emanuel McComb) born about 1775, married about 1800 Elizabeth __________ (thought to have been dau. of physician by name of Cotner). They moved to Fairfield Co., Ohio, about 1802; to Wayne Co., Indiana, about 1815; to Carroll Co., Ind., about 1826 where both died. Elizabeth, the wife, born Apr. 22,1777, died Dec. 22, 1848. Manuel McCombs died Jan. 17, 1829. They had nine children named as follows: (1) David, (2) Christopher, (3) Elizabeth, (4) John, (5) Sarah, (6) Susannah, (7) Mary, (8) William H., (9) Rebecca Amanda.

This family were probably Scotch Presbyterians although my branch through child, (4) John, affiliated with the Campbellites (Christian Church) organized around 1830, in Indiana.

The most common names in the family are: David, John, William, and Henry.

I found no marriage record of Manuel McCombs and Elizabeth in Fairfield Co., Ohio, so it is probable that they were married before leaving Pennsylvania. I found traces of William, Robert C., and John McCombs (McComb) in Fairfield and Franklin Counties, Ohio. I also found many McCombs in early Wayne County, Ind., records so they evidently came west in family lots.

There isn't much I can lay a finger on, except: I hope you can find

(1) Marriage of Manuel McCombs (Emanuel McComb) to Elizabeth ________ about 1800.

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The First U.S. Census Report shows that John Cuppy Sr had at least six children, (1) John Jr, (2) Henry, (3) Aaron, etc. I have some data on these three but on none of the others.

(1) I should like the birth and death dates of John Cuppy Sr., and his wife, Margaret, if shown in the cemetery records. As far back as I know, the Cuppy family have been Baptists.

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(5) Fletcher, married   , settled in Washington, D.C.

(4) Henry Cuppy, son of John Cuppy Sr., married Sarah __________, and lived in Clermont Co., Ohio,; finally settled in Wayne County, Indiana, where he died. They had eight children: (1) Daniel, (2) Mary, (3) Rebecca, (4) James, (5) Thomas, (6) John, (7) Abraham, (8) Harrison.

(5) Aaron Cuppy, son of John Cuppy Sr., was born in 1775 (this is my line and the one I am most vitally interested in). Aaron Cuppy married Mrs. Ruth Bunch (Mrs. James Bunch) in Nelson County, Ky., July 27, 1797. He died in Nelso County,Ky., on Dec. 12, 1822, leaving widow, Ruth and five children: (1) John, (2) Mary, (3) William, (4) Sarah, (5) Melissa. There is no data on Aaron that you can give me except possibly his wife's maiden name and her marriage to James Bunch. She came to Nelson County, Ky., as a widow and her name appears sometimes as Ruthy. Her name may have been Hayden. We have tried very hard to find her maiden name but can't locate her first marriage record to James Bunch. It is a tradition in the family that she sent her son William back to Pennsylvania to college about 1826 near the old home. If you run across anything on Ruthy's maiden name, I'd shout with joy. For the most part, this research will deal with Aaron's father's family, that of John Cuppy, Sr.

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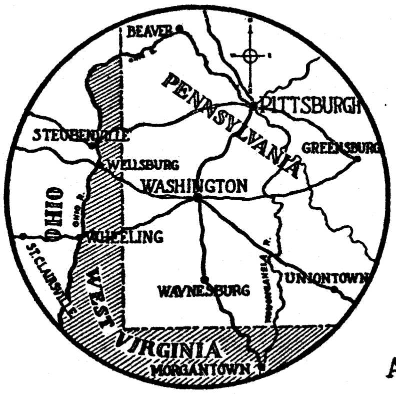

April 2 1937

Dr. Shriner:

Your letter of the 31st received. Among the McCombs family I find that the name of the same party appears both with a final "s" and without. I fear that there can be no definite line drawn on the spelling.

Yes, our records include abstracts of wills and estates of the West Virginia counties, and we have a record of John Cuppey Sr. Also we have graveyard records and church membership records for the same areas, but these latter are not as yet indexed and I will have to search through at random.

If you desire me to include a search and report on Cuppey please add $5 to the previous fee quoted, and also $5 for expenses to that county. I am not going to make any promises as to marriages, because they were probably married in Hampshire County. However, I have all marriages for the counties of near portions of West Virginia, and will do the best that I can. The area now known as New Cumberland was originally part of Youghiogania County, Va. If you want the land records searched from 1794, I will have to go to Ohio County where they are on record, and you will have to include another $1.80 for bus fare. The work will be taken care of in the fee quoted.

I have so many searches, that it is difficult for me to keep track of all of them from time to time, so let me suggest that when you write me that you diagram out on separate sheets of paper just what you want to know about each of the families. I can then proceed to work from those sheets and will not have to search out your letters.

Yours very truly,

E B Iams

E.B.Iams.

Please give church affiliation as near as you can,

2525 North Ninth Street,
Terre Haute, Indiana,
April 8, 1937.

E. B. Iams, Archivist,
Upper Ohio Valley Ass'n.,
Washington, Pennsylvania.

Dear Mr. Iams:

Upon receipt of your second letter containing the statement of your having definite data on John Cuppy (Cuppey) Sr, who settled about 1794 in the vincinity of New Cumberland, W.Va.; also data from graveyards, church records, etc., I have decided to have you make a complete search for material on both the McCombs (McComb) and Cuppy (Cuppey) Families.

According to my interpretation of your terms as contained in both letters (Mar. 29th and Apr. 2nd) the amount would be:

(1) Abstracts of all McCombs (McComb) estates prior to the year 1825 (Washington County, Pa.).............	$ 10.00
(2) Additional search of Deeds, Common Pleas, Tax Records, etc.,to possibly connect my Manuel McCombs....	5.00
(3) Additional fee to include a search for the estate settlement of John Cuppy (Cuppey) Sr............... (To include graveyard and church,marriage?data)	5.00
(4) Transportation to and from Cuppy's County..........	5.00
(5) Transportation expenses to Ohio County to check land records for Cuppy's date of appearance, etc....	1.80
Total for complete work (check enclosed)....	$ 26.80

In compiling the history of my family and its various branches, I have been attempting to get not only the direct lines back but also the names of the children of each direct ancestor with the names of whom each child married.

Therefore, grave records giving birth and death dates, and church records giving marriage dates and whom married for children of a direct ancestor is highly appreciated information.

As per request, I am making a brief of what I wish to know about each family (McCombs and Cuppy) on separate sheets for your guidance.

Most sincerely yours,

Walter O. Shriner

Dr. Walter O. Shriner

2525 North Ninth Street,
Terre Haute, Indiana,
April 20, 1937.

Miss Helen I. Cuppy,
55 Second Avenue,
New Cumberland, W. Va.

Dear Miss Cuppy:

Through the Upper Ohio Historical Society of Pennsylvania, I have recently come into possesion of some interesting data on your branch of the Cuppy Family.

In previous correspondence, I stated that the first John Cuppy and wife Margaret moved to Hampshire County, Virginia, from Morristown, New Jersey, about 1762. While in Romney, county seat of Hampshire County, Va., last summer, I searched the records there and discovered that John Cuppy Sr and wife, Margaret, sold their land in Hampshire County, Va., in 1794.

The Upper Ohio Historical Society has recently sent me data showing that John Cuppy, Sr., and wife Margaret, settled in Brooke County, along the Ohio, after leaving Hampshire County. At least two of their sons accompanied them to Brooke County, namely: John Cuppy Jr and Abraham Cuppy. John Cuppy Sr left a will dated Aug. 4, 1801 and probated Sept Term 1802 in which he named widow Margaret, sons John and Abraham, grandson John, and another son not named.

Now John Cuppy Jr married Elizabeth ----- back in Hampshire County, Va., prior to 1780 and had two children as early as 1782. This son settled in Brooke County where he bought land in 1794 and remained there until 1824 when his wife Elizabeth died. He later removed to near Dayton, Ohio, where he died in 1861 at age 100+ years. According to my cousin who looked up his will in Dayton, he had children: Henry, John, Fletcher, Thomas, Benjamin, Elizabeth, and Anne. I believe all of these children left Brooke and Hancock counties around 1825. Henry settled near Dayton, Ohio, John settled in Kansas, Fletcher settled in Washington D C, Benjamin married Margaret Downing and sold their land Sept. 24,1825 in the Upper Ohio region, Elizabeth settled in Lawrenceburg, Ind., and Anne settled in Tipton Co., Indiana.

Now Abraham Cuppy married Jane Chapman, daughter of George and Johanna Chapman, Sr., and they settled in Brooke County as early as May 1, 1795 when Abraham bought land on Mingo Bottom. George Chapman Sr died and the estate was settled in 1815 when the heirs sold to William Chapman as follows: Abraham Cuppy and wife Jane, George Chapman Jr and wife Nancy, William Chapman and wife Elizabeth, Thomas Chapman and wife Rachel, Hugh Chapman and wife Nancy, John Van Sweringen and wife Martha, and Johanna, widow.

By the time the widow, Johanna, died in 1843, her daughter Jane and Abraham Cuppy seemed to have been deceased. When Johanna's estate was settled the Cuppy share of the property was sold by Abraham's children: (1) John Cuppy who had married Margaret Anne Foreman and (2) Jane Cuppy who had married Joshua Whims on Mar.20, 1827. Margaret Anne Foreman was the daughter of Charles and Anne Foreman.

According to the Historical Society, it was John Cuppy, son of Abraham and Jane (Chapman) Cuppy, who laid out the town of New Cumberland. This would seem reasonable since the Chapmans were also concerned in the project, according to the "History of the Panhandle". John Cuppy and wife, Margaret Anne, sold Lot No. 34 in New Cumberland on May 17, 1848. John Cuppy, son of Abraham died leaving widow, Margaret Anne, and three children: John A., George W., and Artimacy. The estate settlement is given in Fiduciary Account Book 1, page 11. The Death Records Hancock County show that Margaret Anne (Foreman) Cuppy died Dec. 4, 1867 aged 45. - so her husband must have been quite young when he died. The death return was made out by her son, G.W. Cuppy.

This data looked so much like your branch of the family that I thought I would send it to you. If, however, your father had an uncle Henry and an Uncle Fletcher, then it is probable that you belong to the John Cuppy II branch. (John Cuppy II was brother of Abraham).

I have also discovered an early Henry Cuppy who married Sarah -- and who died in Wayne County, Indiana, about 1833 who must have been another son of the first John Cuppy Sr. Henry had a daughter who married in 1814 in Clermont County, Ohio, so that would make Henry quite an early Cuppy. Henry and Sarah Cuppy had eight children with the familiar names: (1) Daniel, (2) Mary, (3) James, (4) Rebecca, (5) Thomas, (6) John, (7) Abraham, (8) Harrison. Most of these children settled in Indiana.

I am still endeavoring to establish the fact that my Aaron Cuppy was another son of John Cuppy, Sr. Among the family papers, I have discovered that Aaron Cuppy was born in 1775. Since he married in Nelson County, Kentucky, in 1797, it is indicated that he came to Kentucky about the time the Cuppys moved from Hampshire County, Va., to Brooke County, near New Cumberland.

Hoping that the above data may be of value to you in tracing your line back to John Cuppy Sr., and wishing you might let me know if you get any further information on the Cuppy Family History in the future, I am

Most sincerely yours,

Walter O. Shriner

Dr. Walter O. Shriner

2525 North Ninth Street,
Terre Haute, Indiana,
April 20, 1937.

E. B. Iams, Archivist,
Washington, Pennsylvania.

Dear Mr. Iams:

The John Cuppy Sr will-data was quite a disappointment in that the will mentioned only sons: John Jr, Abraham, and another unnamed. The grandson, John Cuppy, could easily have been the son of any one of John Cuppy Sr's sons. The Virginia Census of 1882 for Hampshire County shows that John Cuppy, Sr., had at least six children at that time.

It is evident that John Cuppy Sr and wife, Margaret, followed John Cuppy Jr and wife Elizabeth to Brooke County shortly after selling their large land holdings in Hampshire Co in 1894. Since John Cuppy Sr did not buy land in Brooke County, it is evident that he must have distributed most of his estate among his children about that time.

John Cuppy Jr remained in Brooke County until the death of Elizabeth in 1824 at which time he removed to near Dayton, Ohio, where he lived until 1861, aged 100 years. That accounts for your not having found John Cuppy Jr's will in West Virginia. A cousin of mine has stated that he found John Cuppy Jr's will at Dayton and named sons: Henry, John, Fletcher, Abraham, Benjamin, and daughters: Elizabeth, and Anne. In a Dayton History, I did not find sons Abraham and Benjamin listed. However, it is probable that the Benjamin Cuppy who sold land in 1825 in Brooke County was John Cuppy Jr's son, since that was just after the death of Elizabeth and about the time John Jr moved to Ohio.

It appears that John Cuppy Sr had a son Abraham who married Jane Chapman - that Abraham died early and left two children at least, namely John who married Margaret Anne Foreman and Jane Cuppy who married Joshua Whims. I think you are right in thinking that it was John Cuppy, son of Abraham, who helped to lay out the town of New Cumberland. The reason that I originally wrote that it was John Cuppy, son of John Cuppy Jr, was because Miss Helen I Cuppy at New Cumberland recently wrote me that it was her grandfather John A. Cuppy who spoke of having an Uncle Fletcher Cuppy (and Fletcher Cuppy was the son of John Cuppy II)

I am almost positive that Henry Cuppy who married Sarah--- and died in Wayne County, Indiana, about 1833 was a son of John Cuppy Sr. Henry Cuppy's second child was married in Clermont County, Ohio, as early as 1814. Henry named his children: Daniel, Mary, Rebecca, Enoch, Thomas, John, Abraham, & Harrison.

Since my ancestor, Aaron Cuppy, was born in 1775, married in Kentucky in 1797, and named his children: John, Mary, William, Sarah, and Melissa, I think he was also a son of John Cuppy Sr and that he came to Kentucky direct from Hampshire Co., Virginia. I wish you had sent me a complete copy of the will of John Cuppy Sr.

2525 North Ninth Street,
Terre Haute, Indiana,
November 26, 1937.

Dear Cousin Zettie,

Little did I think when we met you at Mallie Stuck's in Shelburn two years ago last summer, that this much time would elapse before we met again. As you know, my father was here again last summer. He enjoyed his visit with all you cousins very much - but I could not get him to remain in Indiana long enough to meet his new grandson, William Cuppy Shriner, who arrived on September 11th.

The little fellow is quite the "attraction" here at our house and his four sisters fall all over themselves in an effort to please him. His parents are almost as bad - if he is not spoiled, it will be a miracle.

While looking up relatives around Shelburn, father inquired at a filling station and was surprised to find that the man he approached for questioning turned out to be still another cousin that he had never met before. The man was one of the younger sons of his Aunt Hannah (Marts) Smith, whom father had never met.

All this makes me more determined to continue my effort to get a record of the various members of the family with the married names of each. You will recall that you gave me a list of the names of the children in your parents' family several years ago when my husband and I were in Prairie Creek - but I do not have all the data on each. I am enclosing a data sheet which I hope you will fill out for me as near as you can. I have this complete data on quite a few of the branches now and am beginning to know who many of my relatives are.

I presume you enjoyed the weather we had on Thanksgiving. We celebrated with a turkey and all the fixin's with no bad results -- as yet. I expected my sister and her family down from Valparaiso but in her letter just received, she stated that they were covered with snow and were afraid to venture down.

Most cordially yours,

Virginia Cuppy Shriner

Mrs. Walter O. Shriner

February 6, 1938
2525 North Ninth Street,
Terre Haute, Indiana.

Mrs. Natalie R. Fernald,
803 Taylor Street, N.W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Fernald:

I have your report of February second and was quite pleased with the data. Even in those cases where you found no data, it indicates that the families may have moved just prior to that time.

In the case of David Shriner (1860 Census) of Crane Twp., Wyandot County, Ohio, the birth state of the eldest three in the family was Md. (Frederick County, Maryland). I wasn't certain that the wife was born in Maryland before you sent the report.

The Lloyds of Sullivan County, Indiana, which were born in Virginia were relatives of my Kentucky Lloyds and the extra data helps me keep them differentiated.

My chief problem at present is the Marts Family of Sullivan County, Indiana. Jacob Marts, Sr. may have been living with some of his children. About 1850, the court house of Sullivan County burned and the early local records were destroyed. That makes it very difficult to get any exact records on the early families in that county. The land records have been restored, due to the fact that immediately after the fire, the land owners brought in their personal copies of deeds and had them recorded again. But the wills, probate records, marriage records, etc., are gone.

I occasionally find the name spelled Martz but it is usually Marts. I am of the opinion that it might be well to run the entire county of Sullivan for the Marts families in the early censuses. Sullivan County, Indiana, was organized in 1817. The land records show that Jacob Marts sold land to George T. Marts as early as 1839. They lived lived in various parts of the county but were more concentrated in Fairbanks and Curry Townships.

As I understand it, the 1820, 1830, and 1840 censuses do not name the members of the families except the head. However, these would give the sex and approximate ages which would help me get the relationships straight. The 1850 and 1860 censuses would give complete data.

I am enclosing an additional check for $5.00 and shall be glad to send more if you find the work takes more time. On a separate sheet, I am enumerating members of the Marts Families which should be encountered.

1840	Jacob Marts and wife Martha	
1840	George Marts	
1840	Chamberlain Marts and wife Emily	
1850	George Marts	
1850	Jacob Marts and wife Martha	
1850	George W. Marts and wife Sarah Elizabeth	
1850	Jacob Marts and wife Mary L.	
1850	Thomas Marts and wife Jane	
1850	Chamberlain Marts and wife Emily	
1850	Samuel Marts	
1850	Robert McKinney and wife Rachel Marts	
1860	Many of above and also others (their children)	
1860	Jacob Gray and wife Ellamina	Cass Twp., Sullivan Co.
1860	John Cuppy and wife Mahala	Curry Twp., Sullivan Co.

The 1820, 1830, census may show which were heads of families.

Sincerely yours,
Walter O. Shriner

Dr. Walter O. Shriner
2525 North Ninth Street
Terre Haute, Indiana.

MRS. NATALIE R. FERNALD

Genealogist

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803 TAYLOR STREET N. W.,
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Sept. 27. 1938

Prof. Walter O. Shriner
2525 North Ninth St.
Terre Haute, Ind.

Dear Prof. Shriner

On May 2, you asked me to consult 1850 Lawrence Co. Ind. for Charles Ratliff.

The book was not available, then nor up to the time I went away July 15. I came home Aug. 31, then had to get sciatia and neuritis, so yesterday was my first day downtown.

The only Ratcliff I found was the following:

1850. Lawrence Co. Ind. Spice Valley twp. Aug. 15.
543- 543 Richard Williams, 42 farmer, R.E. 6500 b. Tenn.
Abigail " 38 " Ky.
****
Nancy Ratliff 17 " Ind.

I think this finishes all your orders, If I haven't reported on anything asked for, please let me know.

Very truly yours,

Natalie R. Fernald.

Indiana State Teachers College
Terre Haute, Indiana

Department of Mathematics

2525 North Ninth Street,
Terre Haute, Indiana,
January 29, 1939.

Administrator of U.S. Census Bureau,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I am preparing a history of the ancestry of my children in America and I am hoping that you may grant Mrs. Natalie R. Fernald permission to search the 1880 U.S. Census Records for the birthplaces of two lines of direct ancestors as follows:

1. The birth places of the parents of Sarah (McCombs) Berkshire of Cass County, Indiana. This woman was the only living sister or ~~brother~~ of my great-grandfather John R. McCombs in 1880. John R. McCombs died in 1864.
2. The birth places of the parents of Nancy (Cuppy) Bridwell of Lawrence County, Indiana. This woman was the only living sister ~~or brother~~ of my wife's great-grandfather John Cuppy. John Cuppy died in 1868.

If it is against the rules of the Bureau to supply 1880 U.S. Census information on any except direct ancestors, could this be interpreted to include just the data on the birthplaces of the parents of the above two people? The parents of the above two were direct ancestors of John R. McCombs and John Cuppy, respectfully. I have exhausted every other means at my command to get the information.

Respectfully requested,

Walter O. Shriner
Virginia Cuppy Shriner

Indiana State Teachers College

Terre Haute, Indiana

Department of Mathematics

2525 North Ninth Street,
Terre Haute, Indiana,
January 5, 1940.

Mr. Will Cuppy,
130 W. 11th Street,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Cuppy:

When in Crafton, Pennsylvania, last summer, I met Mr. C. A. McGrew whose mother was a Cuppy. It happens that I married Mary Virginia Cuppy, a niece of Dr. Hazlett A. Cuppy who was rather well known before his death several years ago. In discussing the various Cuppy Family relationships, Mr. McGrew mentioned the fact that you were a grandson of Abraham Cuppy, born May 25, 1810 in Clermont County, Ohio, and settled in Whitley County, Indiana.

That puts you rather definitely in the Henry Cuppy branch of the CUPPY FAMILY IN AMERICA. I am hoping that you may know of some member of your grandfather's family who might be interested in supplying additional data on the Henry Cuppy branch.

CUPPY FAMILY OUTLINE

1. John Cuppy, the progenitor of the family in America, is known to have been in Morris County, New Jersey, as early as 1755 where he married Margaret Parker. It is said by several branches, that he was of either German or Holland stock and came to New York about 1750 in his early twenties. It is also claimed that he served a brief time in the French & Indian Wars. It is definitely known that in 1763, he removed to Hampshire County, Va., and settled on Mill Creek, near Romney, where he purchased 227 acres of Benjamin Parker, probably his father-in-law. The family remained here until 1794, when John and Margaret (Parker) Cuppy sold their land in Hampshire and went to Ohio County (part which became Brooke County in 1797) where their son, John Cuppy, Jr., has already settled. John Cuppy, Sr., died in Brooke County, Va., in 1802, where he left a will dated Aug. 4, 1801 and probated Sept term of court, 1802. His widow, Margaret, died in Brooke Co., Va., in 1816 as an inventory of her estate was made Jan. 3, 1817. In old John Cuppy's will, he named only his wife and appointed his two sons, John Jr. and Abraham, executors. However, he made provision for the disposal of his wearing apparel among his three sons. The list of the children of John and Margaret (Parker) Cuppy, as given by his son John J

in various published accounts, have contradictions but all of the lists contain your Henry Cuppy although he is sometimes listed as one of the older sons and at other times as one of the younger sons. The list is as follows:

(1) Daniel Cuppy, said to have been the eldest child and seems to have died before his father's death in 1802.

(2) Elizabeth Cuppy (sometimes listed as one of older children and sometimes as one of the younger ones)

(3) John Cuppy, Jr., b. Mar. 11, 1761 in Morris Co., New Jersey; married Elizabeth DeVore in Hampshire Co., Va., in 1779 and married Lydia Oilar-Russell, a widow, in Montgomery Co., Ohio, on Oct. 7, 1824. He died in Montgomery Co., Ohio, on June 28, 1869. Had a host of children.

(4) Abraham Cuppy, b. Dec. 12, 1763 in Hampshire Co., Va.; married Susannah Perrin in Maryland in 1786 and came west with parents in 1794 and eventually settled in Jefferson County, Ohio, where he died Nov. 3, 1840. Had nine children --- this is McGrew's branch

(5) Henry Cuppy, date of birth not known, but came west with the others, married Sarah (last name unknown), and settled in Clermont County, Ohio, prior to 1810. In 1818, Henry Cuppy and his wife with many of their children settled in Wayne County, Indiana, just across the line from Montgomery County, Ohio. Henry Cuppy and his wife both died in Wayne Co., Indiana, in 1833 during the great cholera epidemic. He died intestate and administration was ordered Sept. 21, 1833. I'll list his children at the close.

(6) Sarah Cuppy, date of birth unknown, but married a man by name of Huffman and this family came to Brooke County, Va., along with the other families.

HENRY AND SARAH (----) CUPPY'S CHILDREN

A grandchild of Henry Cuppy, Levi Stanley, listed the following full list of the children but a few were dead by the time Henry's estate was settled. With this list, I'll add what other data I have on each as gotten from the records at Richmond, Indiana.

(1) Daniel Cuppy, the first on the Levi Stanley list, but this son evidently died without heirs before 1833.

Henry Cuppy's children continued:

(2) Mary Cuppy, date of birth not known but she married Aaron Stanley (probably in Clermont Co., Ohio, since her son Levi was born there in 1814. This family settled in Wayne Co., Indiana, and were participants in the Henry Cuppy Estate.

(3) Rebecca Cuppy, date of birth not known but she married Joseph Abrams (probably in Clermont Co., Ohio) and this family participated in the Estate settlement of Henry Cuppy.

(4) James Cuppy, date of birth unknown, but he married Sarah Jones in Wayne Co., Ind., on Nov. 5, 1824 and married Laura McKinney in Wayne Co., Ind., on Sept. 2, 1826. He had a first wife, Elizabeth, when first coming to Wayne Co., Ind., and his death in 1831 showed him having seven children which would have required an early marriage in Clermont County, Ohio. His brother John was administrator of the estate. The orphan children of James were: (1) John, (2) Leander, (3) Emily, (4) James, Jr, (5) Nancy, (6) Henry, and (7) Abraham C. These children participated in the estate settlement of their grandfather, Henry Cuppy, in 1833.

(5) Thomas Cuppy, date of birth unknown, but he married Jemina Ward in Wayne Co., Indiana, on Sept. 7, 1820. He also participated in the estate settlement of his father, Henry Cuppy.

(6) John Cuppy, date of birth unknown, but he married Elizabeth Henderson in Wayne County, Indiana, on Mar. 19, 1825. He also served as administrator of his brother, James, estate but he died in 1833 about the time his parents died. Thomas Henderson administered his estate. I think he had no children as none were participants in the Henry Cuppy Estate settlement.

(7) Abraham Cuppy, born May 25, 1810 in Clermont Co., Ohio; married Sarah Collins in Wayne County, Ind., on Dec. 9, 1830. He was Justice of the Peace in Wayne County, Indiana, in 1834. He also became guardian of quite a few of his brother James' children. Abraham later moved to Whitley County, Indiana, from which place he served in the Indiana legislature.

(8) Henry Harrison Cuppy, the youngest child, date of birth unknown, was not married at the time of his father's death. At least I found no marriage record for him at Richmond.

I am hoping that you may be interested in receipt of this information and may know of some member of the family who would have additional data on this Henry Cuppy branch that they would be willing to send me at some future date.

Yours truly,

Walter O. Shriner

Walter O. Shriner

2525 North Ninth Street,
Terre Haute, Indiana,
December 28, 1940.

Mr. W. R. Felton,
Sioux City, Iowa.

My dear Mr. Felton:

In an interview with Mr. C. A. McGrew of Crafton, Pa., some time ago, I was told that your wife was a descendant of Sarah Cuppy, daughter of John and Margaret (Parker) Cuppy, Sr., early colonial residents of Hampshire County, Virginia.

The early Virginia Census of 1782 shows that John Cuppy, Sr., had at least six children. We have a fairly accurate record of the descendants of the four sons, namely, John Jr, Abraham, Henry, and Aaron. Of the two daughters, Elizabeth and Sarah, we have only traditional clues. Mr. McGrew states that Sarah Cuppy married a man by the name of Huffman. Could you supply me with any additional data on this family? I shall be very glad to send you a report on the parents and the families of the four sons if you are interested in it.

Like you, my interest in the history of the Cuppy Family is indirect, as it is my wife who is a Cuppy. She is the great-great granddaughter of Aaron Cuppy who settled at Bardstown, Kentucky, about 1795 and the great-great-great granddaughter of John and Margaret (Parker) Cuppy, Sr., who were the progenitors of the Cuppy Family in America.

Sincerely yours,

Walter O. Shriner

Walter O. Shriner

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2525 North Ninth Street,
Terre Haute, Indiana,
December 28, 1940.

Mr. C. A. McGrew,
73 McMunn Avenue,
Crafton, Pennsylvania.

My dear Mr. McGrew:

I presume you have been wondering why I have not sent you the promised report on the Cuppy Family in America before this. After calling at your home last summer and receiving your most welcome data on the Abraham Cuppy line, I returned to Wellsburg and Wheeling and made an additional search of the old records of both Brooke and Ohio counties in West Virginia. It was not until the present Christmas vacation arrived that I had leisure enough to go through all my notes and outline the enclosed brief on the Cuppy family.

There was no record that I could find of a final settlement on the land estate of John Cuppy,Sr., at Wellsburg, such as John Cuppy Sr's last will would have provided. It could have been destroyed in the fire which burned the old court house in 1849. However, I could find no record in the deed records of either Ohio or Brooke counties where John Cuppy Sr had ever owned land in either place. Neither did the old tax reports indicate that he owned land east of the Ohio River. Hence, it is possible that he purchased government land in the present State of Ohio. If so, the final disposition of same might be on record in some Ohio County Seat. I am especially anxious to find this report since it is important in establishing the fact that both Henry and Aaron were sons of John Cuppy Sr. It is possible that either Henry or Abraham had settled on or near that land when they went into Ohio.

I have never looked up the will of John Cuppy, Jr., which is on file at Dayton, Ohio. However, it was another descendant by the name of E. A. Riggs who supplied me with the names of the children by the first wife, Elizabeth.

Any corrections you may have to offer or any additional information will be greatly appreciated.

Most sincerely yours,
Walter O. Shriner

Walter O. Shriner

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Sioux City, Ia, 12. 30. 1940

Mr. Walter O. Shriner
Terre Haute, Indiana

Dear Mr. Shriner:
I was pleased to have your letter this morning and to know you have some material on the Cuppy Line.

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When the records I am mailing you arrive kindly burn this letter. It is the end of the year & I am busy or I would mail these facts to you in proper order. W.R.F.

Sioux City, Ia, 2. 19. 1941

Mr. Walter O. Shriner

Terre Haute, Indiana.

Dear Mr, Shriner:-

The package containing all the manuscript is recieved, I have read your John Cuppy History with interest and am pleased that you have put it in such good shape. At the time the package was recieved I was housed up with a bad throat and am still at home so have not been able to much more than read it.

I am anxious to see if the history of the two Margerets and also two John Cuppy's can not be ironed out and I am asking Mrs, Sinclair to search the records at Stuebenville,Ohio, the man who I asked to do this work for me at Dayton is now living in New York State, and I have asked another genelogist at Dayton to do this work for me.

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I have recieved from the Nebraska Historical Association a long and carefully prepared list of clippings from the press dating back many years, there is however but little family history contained in the notes, I will mail on to you when I get some more material to go with it.

Your note relative to the Huffman -Cuppy line being of the families that lived in Hampshire County, Va. and then moving on to Wellsburg is my guess also and I am hunting for some one at Wellsburg to look for the Huffman records.

I wil write you when I get going again.

Very truly yours

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4. 21. 1941

Mr, Walter O. Shriner

Terre Haute, Indiana,

Dear Mr, Shriner:-

I have not laid down on the Cuppy work, and have finally got a man a Mr, Martin L. Peter, a member of the S.A.R at Dayton Ohio, to search the records but he will not be able to begin until May first, I am sending him his money and trust he will make the search.

I wrote the woman who had looked up some records for me in Ohio, the letter was answered by her neice, as the woman who did the work for me has passed on. This girl who wrote me states that she has an aunt who is doing this research work now, however she will not be home until next month as she spends the winters in Washington, D. C.

Will write you just as soon as I get any action.

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4. 24. 1941.

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Terre Haute, Indiana.

Dear Mr. Shriner:-

I am enclosing a letter I recieved some time ago from a J. M. Cuppy of Storm Lake, Iowa.

This letter is about two years old and I got his name from a notice in the Des Moines Register when his daughter Virginia, Cuppy, was to be married and wrote him asking for Cuppy history. There may not be any thing in the letter of use in tracing the line but the names of the towns in which they lived may furnish a clue where to look.

I am unable to get any word from Dr. Edgington, and it may be he has passed on, next time I go to Omaha I shall look the family up as I want to get a copy of that Bible record.

Yours truly

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6. 14. 1941

Mr. Walter O. Shriner

Terre Haute, Indiana.

Dear Mr. Shriner:-

The enclosed records from Dayton, Ohio, fail to prove any thing in so far as the children of John Cuppy Jr. by his first marriage.

Mr. Peter was a long time in finding what is enclosed. Your records obtained by Mr. McGrew change the picture of Mrs. Felton's ancestors. Our record of the marriage of Abraham Huffman and Margeret Cuppy, was taken from the Ashland County, Ohio History, but the records from Jefferson County Ohio, must be correct.

The Huffman ancestors of Abraham Huffman seem to be lost as we have not been able to get any thing of this family prior to Abraham.

You spoke of the Perrin line in one of your letters, I shall have to do some work on this branch now that it appears that is Mrs. Felton's line.

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A few days ago I recieved aletter from Mr, C. A. McGrew of Crafton, Pa. in which he enclosed a copy of the the Will of Abraham Cuppy, also copy of the marriage certificate of Abraham Huffman and Margeret Cuppy.

Your supposition that the Margeret Cuppy was most likely the daughter of Abraham Cuppy rather than the daughter Margeret of his brother John Cuppy, has proved a fact.

The last four months has been busy ones for me in the seed trade buying a stock for next season in a year of short crops has left no time for genealogical research. I remember of your stating that if Mrs Feltons great grandmother was a daughter of Abraham Cuppy it would be of interest as his wife Susannah Perrin was a descendent of a Perrin who served in the Revolution from New Jersey. Have you this Perrin line?

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Wishing you and yours the compliments of the season.

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I have recently been looking over some of my genealogical notes, have not had any time for any thing outside of the business lately as our help even down to my son are in the armed forces largely.

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This fact blanks the Revolutionary war record of Mrs, Cuppy ancestors, however I remember in one of your letters you spoke of the Perrin line dating back prior to the Revolution and this is the line I want to do some work on.

Can you give me a place to start on the Perrin family line? Should it lead back to one who served in the Rev, War I would like to have it for my children.

We are kept war minded here since the Bomber Base just out of the city has been completed, groups of 6 to 15 flying in formation over the city and to the targets up the Missouri River on every fair day. This is a finishing school for the Airmen and each group spend about a month here, two trains of soldiers and equipment left here just a few days ago and another force moved in.

We have a son in law in New Guiena, Bill Jr in the Air Corps,

Wishing You & Yours the Seasons Greeting
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